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Japanese Civilians Ordered To Leave

AVALANCHE DISASTER IN SWITZERLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A Geneva message says that two Swiss soldiers were killed and 16 others injured when an avalanche wrecked their camp during training manoeuvres being carried out in the Valais canton, on the Italian border.—Havas.

PROBLEM OF DOOMED BATTALION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The International Settlement authorities in Shanghai are seeking a solution of the problem of the "Doomed Battalion" in internment.

Meanwhile comparative quiet reigns in the camp, the interned troops confining themselves to an expression of their feelings by the occasional hurling of a brick at the Russian guards.—Havas.

China's Protests

The Chinese Foreign Office in Chungking yesterday protested to the British and United States Embassies against the shooting in the internment camp in the Shanghai International Settlement.

The protest demands the punishment of those responsible, assurance of the non-recurrence of similar incidents in future and reserves the right to claims.—Reuter.

NC\$5,000 LEFT IN A CAR

Mrs. Cheng, of No. 8, Conduit Road, top floor, has reported the theft of a suitcase containing \$5,000 in Chinese currency, from car No. 8984, which was parked outside her residence yesterday afternoon.

CABINET MINISTERS and Service chiefs conferred for three hours at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Japanese Emperor yesterday.

A communique issued in Tokyo by the secretary of the Cabinet says that "important affairs of State" were discussed.

The conference was attended by the Prime Minister, the War, Navy, Foreign Affairs and Finance Ministers, the Chiefs and Vice-Chiefs of the Army and Navy General Staffs, and the president of the Cabinet Planning Board.—Reuter.

The "China Mail" learns from usually reliable sources that the Japanese have presented Indo-China with 72-hour ultimatum. The ultimatum is reported to expire at midnight on Sunday.

French Speak Of "Delicate" Stage

It was officially stated by the French authorities in Hanoi to-day that the Indo-China negotiations have reached a "delicate" stage.

It is understood the Japanese have now presented demands for bases which are allegedly outside the scope of the Vichy agreement and are regarded as not necessary solely for the Japanese campaign against China.

Japanese nationals throughout Indo-China are ostentatiously gathering ready for evacuation. A special train is leaving Hanoi for Haiphong to-day carrying only Japanese civilians but a general order for evacuation has not yet been given.

A Japanese army spokesman in Hanoi said: "We are still optimistic of a successful conclusion to the negotiations, which are continuing."—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The evacuation of all Japanese nationals, including members of the Japanese Consular staff and members of the Japanese Inspectorate, by a special train from Hanoi to-day has been ordered by the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. R. Suzuki, according to Chinese reports.

The French authorities, it is reported, have placed a special train at the disposal of the Japanese to take them to-day to Haiphong

where a Japanese ship is waiting. The Consul will remain in Hanoi with a skeleton staff.

What Puppet Foreign Minister Argues

France is accepting the Japanese demands for the passage of troops across Indo-China, declared the French Foreign Minister, M. Baudoin, in an interview with the American press at Vichy yesterday.

He added France could not expect help from Britain or the United States and the Petain Government must follow the realistic policy of safeguarding the French Empire.—Reuter.

"Desire To Avoid Difficulties"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was stated in Hanoi yesterday that both sides desire to avoid difficulties for the future "when applying the diplomatic accord already reached in Tokyo." Official French quarters refrain from giving any information on the parleys.—Havas.

Negotiations Go On

Later, Negotiations between the French and Japanese representatives in Hanoi are continuing despite the general evacuation of Japanese civilians from Hanoi this morning.

The French have given the Japanese every facility for the evacuation. Reports of the Japanese ultimatum cannot be officially confirmed.

EBB AND FLOW OF CHOLERA

The cholera outbreak in Kowloon now appears to be under control but the recent increase in cases on the island is still marked.

Only 25 cases in all occurred during the 24 hours ended at midnight.

Of these, only 14 were on the mainland, eight were registered as from Victoria, two from Shaikwan and one from the Harbour.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate, fair.

MAJOR-GENERAL MAY KILLED IN LONDON RAID

It was learned in London yesterday that Major-General C. J. Bruce May and Mrs. May were killed at a bombed West End hotel.

Major-General May was Inspector-General of the Iraq Army and head of the British military mission in Iraq from 1934 to 1937.—Reuter.

GRAZIANI GOES GOEBBEL-Y

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"The British have hastily retreated from Mersa Matruh and lost over half their mechanised equipment!" claims Marshal Graziani, Italian Commander-in-Chief in the drive from Libya, in a

AXIS BID TO PULL IN SPAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to some authoritative Berlin circles, Ribbentrop's talks in Rome will also concern Spain's role in the war.

More active cooperation between Germany, Italy and Spain is expected by these circles "because Spain will come into the Axis bloc whether she likes it or not!"

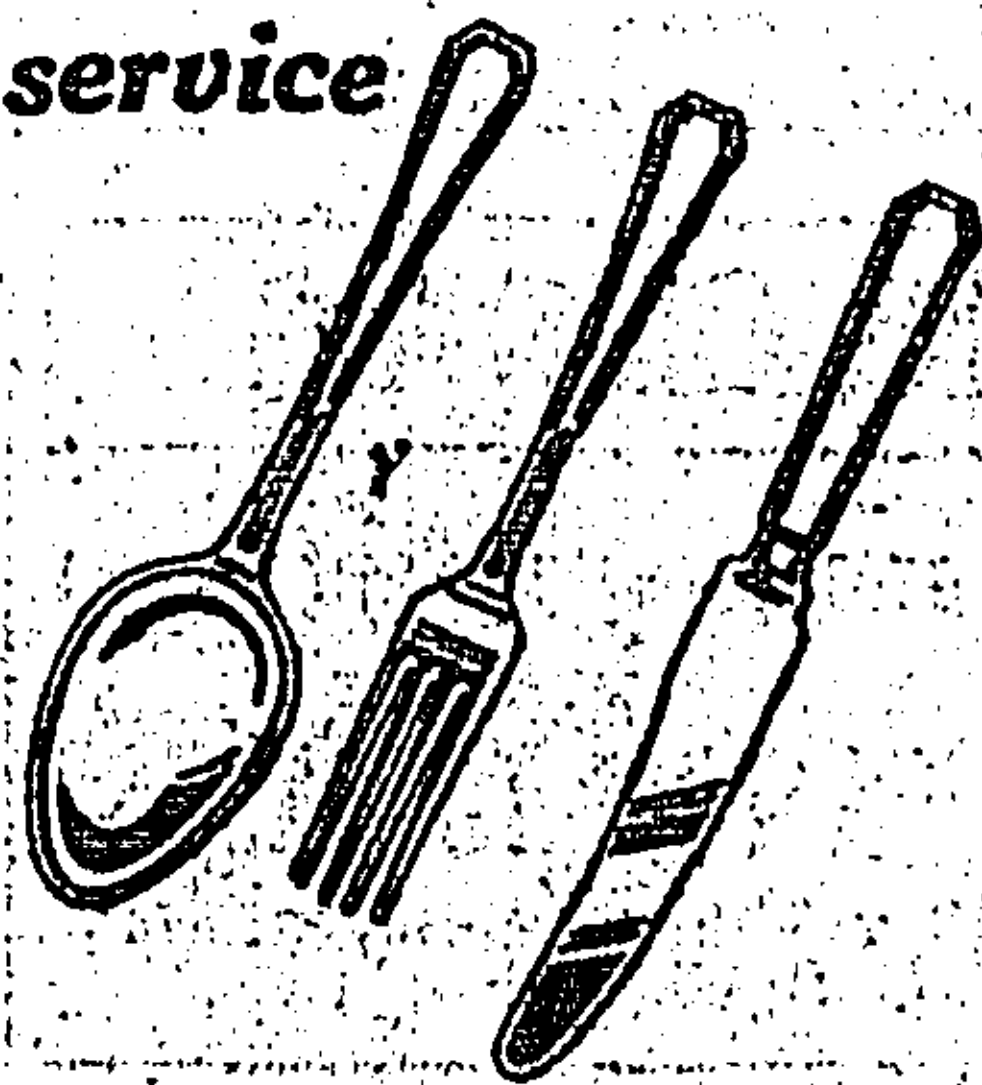
The Italian newspaper "Il Messaggero" says that the meeting is "of capital importance in the history of the Rome-Berlin Axis," and goes on to talk about how decisions will be reached "without any vacillation or postponement," no matter how serious they are.—Havas.

message to Mussolini. He claims that the Italians made a flanking movement and cut off British supply routes, putting them in a serious position owing to lack of supplies of oil and water.—Havas.

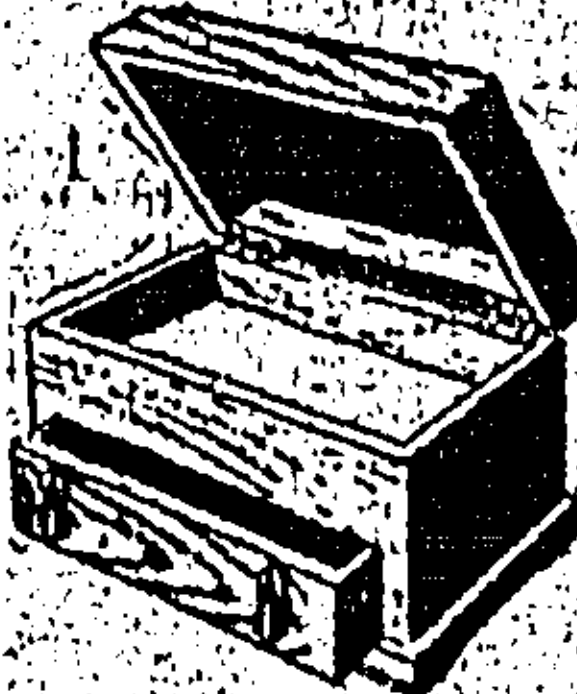
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Depth Charge Attacks On Italian Submarines

Dodecanese Isolated

A 2,000-MILE CRUISE IN THE AEGEAN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WITH BRITISH CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS WHICH WERE ON RECONNAISSANCE PATROL, WAS RELATED YESTERDAY BY REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT ON BOARD A BRITISH DESTROYER.

The fleet was sweeping the Greek Archipelago for enemy submarines and ships engaged in contraband oil trade with the Dodecanese Islands.

The greater part of the trip, the correspondent says, was remarkable for its lack of interest. For many days they were within bombing range of Italian aircraft stationed on Rhodes but a solitary Italian reconnaissance flyingboat which circled out of range of our guns was the only sign of the enemy.

This suggested that the Dodecanese are suffering from a lack of petrol, the supply of which has been cut off by the British fleet.

Submarines provide the only method by which these islands can be supplied and this is a hazardous task since these craft are easy prey for British destroyers using the asdic hydrophone.

Submarine Detected

The effectiveness of this instrument was demonstrated during a trip when a submarine was detected and the correspondent saw depth charges dropped, after which bubbles of air and patches of oil appeared on the surface.

Later depth charges were dropped around another submarine which is unlikely to have survived the attack.

"On joining a convoy we learned that one of its escorts the previous day had been unsuccessfully attacked by four Italian aircraft, one of which attempted to attack with an aerial torpedo.

Forced Landings

"We learned that three of these four had been forced to land on the Turkish coast as a result of damage sustained by the naval guns of the British escort." — Reuter.

*** This incident had been reported previously; the Turkish authorities interned most of the Italian crews.

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SUSTAINED ATTACKS BY R.A.F.

An Air Ministry communique states that Bomber Command aircraft on Wednesday night continued to disconcert the enemy's invasion plans by delivering sustained attacks with strong forces of bombers against the ports of Antwerp, Zeebrugge, Dunkirk, Ostend, Calais, Boulogne, Dieppe and Le Havre.

Much damage was done to shipping and military stores and many fires were started.

Other forces of bombers attacked distribution centres at Osnabruck, Ebrang, Hamm, Mannheim and Brussels. Coastal Command aircraft attacked a convoy of Borkum. A direct hit was registered on an enemy destroyer.

Other Coastal Command aircraft attacked the port of Cherbourg, shipping off the Dutch coast and the aerodrome at De Kooy. Seven of our aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

Le Havre Get Worse

Le Havre was singled out for the night's heaviest bombardment. Attacking in relays strong forces of heavy bombers kept up an almost continuous assault upon harbours, docks and shipping for close on five hours.

Many tons of high explosive bombs and great quantities of incendiary bombs were unloaded on the target in the face of fierce opposition from ground defences.

One of the earlier raiders attacked from a low level beneath a cloud. As its first stick of heavy bombs fell across the dock there came the white flash of a terrific explosion followed immediately after by a second smaller explosion which appeared to come either from a ship moored alongside the Basin de Mance or from a large warehouse on the quayside.

Great Fire

The great fire which grew out of the second explosion quickly spread and could be seen still blazing strongly by the Bomber's crew when they were 50 miles away on their homeward journey.

Then following aircraft pressed home the attacks. Sticks of high explosive bombs were seen to burst along the quayside of the Basin de Mance, across the docks at the Quai de Saigon and to straddle the Basin Ballot from north-east to south-west. Fire soon broke out and spread among shipping massed in the Mance Basin and in the dry dock near the Quai de Saigon.

Ship Ablaze

A stick of bombs was dropped across the dock from such a low level that the violence of the explosion shook the crew of the attacking aircraft.

By 11 p.m. fires were raging in many parts of the harbour; a large ship alongside the quay was burning strongly and a 7,000-ton ship about a mile north of Honfleur was seen to be ablaze, flames lighting up a bank of low cloud which hung over the docks and town.

Relays of aircraft continued the bombardment until the early hours of the morning. Again and again docks and ships alongside were straddled with sticks of high explosive bombs. — British Wireless.

AID TO BRITAIN FROM U.S.

More and more prominent Americans are asking that greater help be sent to Britain and the Allied cause.

At a mass meeting in the Chicago Stadium, Rear-Admiral Stanley, who was Chief of Naval Operations from 1933 to 1937, urged that the defence programme be set at "full speed ahead" and said that more support should be given to Britain.

He suggested, among other things, the transfer of some torpedo-boats.

Dorothy Thompson, the noted columnist, called on the U.S. Government to supplement the gift of destroyers with torpedo-boats and "Flying Fortresses."

A similar appeal was made in a radio broadcast by Senator Lee of Oklahoma, who was a private in France in the last war.

Governor Lehmann of New York has also stated that he is in favour of supplying Britain with all the weapons the United States can spare.

"In this way, we will immeasurably add to our own defence," he says. — Reuter.

FRENCH AIR AID IN EAST AFRICA

The air force of Free France is taking an active part in co-operation with British squadrons in operations against Italy in East Africa; it was learned in authoritative circles in London yesterday.

In this connection it is learned that four French airmen participating in reconnaissance flights over Abyssinia have been reported missing. — Reuter.

ICELAND TO BE DEFENDED

CANADA AND BRITAIN HAVE AGREED THAT ICELAND IS A POINT WHERE SUBSTANTIAL TROOPS MUST BE MAINTAINED. THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

It is understood in Ottawa that the joint Canada/U.S. defence board will include this in their survey. — Reuter.

AIRMEN'S JOURNEY ROUND WORLD

Thirty-seven airmen of the Czech army, all having more than ten years' experience, passed through Bombay yesterday on the way to join the R.A.F. At the outbreak of war they escaped to Poland, whence they made the difficult overland journey to India. — Reuter.

DUKE OF KENT ARRIVES FOR TIME BOMB

THE DUKE OF KENT HAD A NARROW ESCAPE YESTERDAY WHEN A TIME-BOMB EXPLODED WITHIN 80 YARDS OF HIS CAR.

He was touring south-west London, and the car was held up by a rope barrier and a sign reading: "Danger! Unexploded Bomb!"

At that moment, the bomb went off! A shower of stones and rubble landed all over the car.

When the shower of earth subsided the Duke got out of the car and, smiling and unperturbed, walked to the place where the bomb had exploded.

There he met men of a Royal Engineers bomb disposal squad and spoke to them. A sergeant told him they had been unable to move the bomb and had caused it to explode after taking precautions to see it should do no damage.

When the Duke left he had to make his way to the car through a press of people. Men cheered and women patted him on the back and one of them called out: "It's grand to see you here." — Reuter.

BUSINESS BRIGHTER ON STOCK MARKET

Business was brighter in the final stages on the London Stock Exchange yesterday after a quiet opening. Gilt-edged improved on better demand while gold minings were supported quietly. Industrial were narrowly irregular. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

BEN GHAZI VITAL TO GRAZIANI

Reports of R.A.F. attacks on Ben Ghazi, the Italian sea base in Libya, indicate that reinforcements of men and supplies for General Graziani's army may have received a severe check, says Reuter's military correspondent.

This port has been used as an advance base and it is 350 miles east of Tripoli and better situated to supply both water and fuel.

As General Graziani's lines of communication lengthen his problems of supplies grow formidable, while his left flank on the sea coast is under constant attention from the British Navy.

Naval units have already attacked and used their high velocity fire at point blank range with devastating effect.

The Italians are relying on speed and weight to overcome opposition. They have not yet reached the final real defensive position nor have they been engaged by other than highly mobile British forces using guerrilla tactics in the desert.

360-Miles For Supplies

From the Italian base at Ben Ghazi to their forward advancing troops is now about 360 miles as the crow flies. If the R.A.F. continues to harass such a difficult line of communication with naval attacks from the sea, the army's task in this huge combined operation will be greatly simplified. — Reuter.

BRITISH PILOT TAKEN PRISONER

AN ENGLISHMAN BROADCASTING FROM ROME HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT F. GREGORY OF EAST TWICKENHAM."

He said he was brought down between Sicily and Malta and swam to his rubber dinghy.

He is well, he said, and he sent a message to his wife and father in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. — Reuter.

CONTINUOUS AIR RAIDS IN THE WESTERN DESERT

AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE in Cairo yesterday stated continuous raids are being carried out on the enemy in the Western Desert.

An aircraft hit buildings at Tobruk, and large concentrations of motor transport concentrated between Sidi-el-Barrani and Sollum were set on fire.

A successful attack was made on about 50 aircraft on the ground at El Mimi (Libya).

Bombs fell among aircraft and damage was caused.

Raids were also made on Bombardier and a camp in the Capuzzo-Sollum area. One aircraft is missing.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force raided Mogadiscio aerodrome (Italian Somaliland) for the sixth time on Sept. 17. All bombs were dropped on

hangars and buildings and many fires started.

Attacks were made on Lavello (Abyssinia). One bomber on the ground was destroyed and considerable damage to buildings and hangars resulted.

Three raids were made on Kassala. An enemy fighter which tried to intercept our bombers was damaged. Assab and Direddawa (Eritrea) were again attacked and fires observed. — Reuter.

LONDON GETS A BREATH FROM DAY RAIDS

NO LARGE SCALE ACTION has been reported during the day, says an Air Ministry communique issued in London last evening.

Two enemy aircraft dropped bombs in districts in East London, causing some damage and casualties. Both were engaged by our fighters and one was shot down.

Bombs are also reported to have been dropped on coastal towns in Essex and Sussex and at one point in the West of England. The number of casualties was small.

Despite bad visibility our fighters successfully intercepted a large proportion of the enemy and five enemy bombers altogether were destroyed.

Last night the air raid alarm went as usual, but it was only the second of the day in the London area, and it sounded as darkness closed in, following London's quietest day since the air offensive against the capital opened on September 7.

Thundery Weather

Thundery weather, with masses of dark cloud, facing them over south-east England, kept the enemy formations aground, says Reuter's air correspondent.

Goering was unable to continue experimenting for an answer to the costly problem of mass day raiding and sent over only a few raiders during the day.

Despite great difficulties in the way of successful interception, R.A.F. fighters did relatively very well.

It is estimated that some 250 aircraft participated in the "blind" bombing of London and other parts of the country on Wednesday night. This was rather above the average. There is no official confirmation of reports that four of them were brought down. — Reuter.

CHINESE CONTROL OF YUNNAN RAILWAY

The Chinese Foreign Office in Chungking issued a statement last evening announcing Chinese assumption of control over the Hoku-Kunming section of the Indo-China railway.

The statement declares: "Assumption of such authority is based on the Sino-French Railway Agreement providing that if China is engaged in war with a foreign country this railway shall not observe the rules of neutrality but shall be placed at the entire disposal of China."

"At present military headquarters in the railway region have been given authority to control operation of the Hoku-Kunming section of the railway but so far there has not been any change in railway personnel."

The statement reiterated that the Chinese destruction of the Hoku bridge "is nothing but a measure of self-defence." — Reuter.

SOMERSET HOUSE EVACUATED

From yesterday parts of Somerset House, which was recently damaged by a bomb, were closed and the staffs are being evacuated to the North of England. — Reuter.

TRYING TO FIND WAY THROUGH

A number of enemy planes engaged in last night's raid appeared to be trying a new avenue of approach to Central London from the north-west. They got a warm welcome from guns in the locality.

Later Central London's barrage took up the challenge, bursting into full blast as the raiders drew nearer.

As the raiders continued to arrive over north-west London dozens of searchlights converged to try and locate them.

Suddenly the roar of British fighters was heard, the searchlights were switched off and British and German planes engaged in a game of hide and seek.

Bombs were dropped early in the raid on one district on the northern outskirts of the city. London's now famous A.A. barrage defence shows no signs of slackening in intensity.

NAZI AIRCRAFT WITH THE ITALIANS

GERMAN BOMBERS ARE NOW FLYING WITH THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

This was revealed when two German bombers were shot down on Wednesday when they made a dive-bombing attack on Malta.

Two German planes and one Italian machine fell victims to Hurricane and Gladiator fighters. — Reuter.

OFFICER DEAD IN ALLEY

A naval officer, Lieutenant G. A. J. Graham, aged about 24, was found dead in an alley behind the Town Hall at Campbelltown (Kintyre).

He was a son of Lady Graham, who lives near Axminster. It is thought the officer died as the result of an accident.

MUSICAL HAT-TRICK

For the third successive year Hanwell Silver Bands has carried off the Walthamstow Band Festival championship, held at Lloyd Park.

The Essex championship (transferred from the Romford Festival) was won by Grays Temperance Band.

TURKISH VIEW OF INVASION

Italy's aggressive penetration of Egyptian territory despite Mussolini's solemn promise is severely condemned by the Turkish press.

It is expected that most serious consequences will result for the Italian army.

Typical comment is made by the Turkish newspaper "Tan" which compares Italy's present campaign with the similar enterprise undertaken by the Turks against Egypt during the Great War.

It says: "Even if the Italian expeditionary force overcomes all natural obstacles it is most doubtful whether such a force, exhausted by its immense efforts, could successfully face fresh British troops waiting ready for it."

Senussi Revolt Cry

The paper also emphasises that the broadcast message of the leader of the Senussi, in Libya, urging the tribesmen to revolt against the Italians, undoubtedly constitutes a declaration of war against Italy on the part of the Arab and Islamic world.

"Tan" concludes by declaring that Italy's imperialistic ambitions are now about to lead to very grave events. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN RECRUITING DRIVE SOON?

A hint that recruiting for the Australian Imperial Forces might begin again soon was given by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Premier, in a speech at Melbourne yesterday.

Mr. Menzies said Australian troops would soon be in combat with the Italians. The war was discovering a new angle for Australians and the time was coming when they would be asked more and more to reinforce troops in the Middle East and build up a military force there.

This was necessary to keep the gateway to Australia open and prevent Italy, Germany's helper, from over-running the Mediterranean. — Reuter.

DANCE RECITAL

Under the patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt. General E. F. Norton, who has kindly consented to be present, a Dance Recital will be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Friday evening, October 18, at 9.30 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the China Defence League, of which Madame Sun Yat-sen is Chairman, and the proceeds will be in aid of Chinese War Orphans.

Star performer of the evening will be the well-known Chinese dancer, Miss Ai-lan Tai, formerly with the Ballets Jooss in England, who will present several original dances, both Western and Chinese, including one specially composed for the occasion. Miss Tai will be supported by a string orchestra of local musicians under the direction of Mr. J. R. M. Smith, and the evening should prove a very novel and interesting programme.

Tickets will be on sale shortly at the Peninsula Hotel and at the Anderson Music Company.

BRITISH POWER OF RESISTANCE : U.S. REVISES VIEW

Reports from American army officers abroad are definitely more optimistic about British powers of resistance than they were six weeks ago, said Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary of War, at a press conference in Washington yesterday, according to the Washington correspondent of the Dow Jones agency.

Mr. Stimson said he had read these reports carefully and they did not differ radically from accounts published in the newspapers. — Reuter.

RUMANIA'S TROUBLES

RUMANIA'S VERY SERIOUS POSITION IN REGARD TO RAW MATERIALS WAS ADMITTED YESTERDAY BY THE "ARGUS" LEADING ECONOMIC PAPER IN BUCHAREST.

The paper says most textile factories have only a few weeks' supply of cotton. There is a severe shortage of leather scrap-iron, copper and lead.

The paper added it is understood special measures have been taken to prevent what might shortly develop into a grave economic crisis. — Reuter.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL HIT IN RAID

IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA — WHERE THE OLD SOLDIERS, THE PICTURESQUE CHELSEA PENSIONERS LIVE — WAS HIT BY BOMBS IN A RECENT RAID ON LONDON.

Sir Henry Page-Croft, Under-secretary for War, said yesterday that a number of incendiary bombs fell in the building and the old pensioners helped the staff deal with them.

Some of the men, over 80 years of age, were restrained with difficulty from taking part in the work and had to be literally ordered back to their shelter.

"This conduct is an inspiration to their young comrades in the Army to-day," Sir Henry commented. — Reuter.

SYRIA GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

AN ANKARA MESSAGE SAYS THAT THE FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES THERE, INTERVIEWED BY A TURKISH NEWSPAPER, STATES THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BASES BE GRANTED TO THE ITALIANS IN SYRIA.

The situation originally created by the mandate to France of Syria and Lebanon will be maintained intact. — Reuter.

PACIFIC COAST DEFENCES

AN OTTAWA MESSAGE SAYS THAT THE SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE U.S./CANADA JOINT DEFENCE BOARD LEFT FOR THE PACIFIC COAST YESTERDAY TO INSPECT CANADIAN AND U.S. DEFENCES.

When their survey is completed, the whole board will meet on the Pacific Coast. — Reuter.

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Axis Confering On Share Of Fighting And Spoils

VON RIBBENTROP, Nazi Foreign Minister, arrived in Rome yesterday morning in an armoured train with pom-pom guns on the roof. He had a conversation with Count Ciano, his Italian counterpart, in the afternoon.

Although Berlin officially says the talks will survey the war situation, the Berlin press says there is more to it than that and makes such play about what it calls the "New order in Europe."

Much of the Nazi press speculation looks like counting a chicken before it is hatched.

In some quarters, it is thought Ribbentrop will explain to Mussolini what Germany expects out of territorial carving-up in Africa.

An Istanbul message says that the German plans gave the Italian Minister for Colonies a shock when he visited Berlin.

Ribbentrop may also explain why Britain has not already been invaded.

The Berlin newspaper "Lokalanzeiger" says that the "war" is not confined to one geographical point but must be pressed wherever possible.

That suggests North Africa.

War In Winter

Meanwhile, the German press is preparing the public for the unpleasant likelihood of the war continuing on through the winter.

A Berlin report to New York says that people in Berlin have already got a taste of what this means by the announcement to people in flats that central heating will not be turned on until October 15, a month later than usual.

The food situation, too, does not seem too bright.

According to the German radio, French prisoners of war from the Colonies who were interned in Germany have been sent to occupied France "because the German climate is too rough for men from warm countries."

They are not likely to be any warmer in France, but they may be better fed!

The real explanation seems to be that the Germans need the food the men would otherwise eat in Germany. — Reuter.

Sees II Duce

According to Rome radio Mussolini received Ribbentrop at the Palazzo Venezia yesterday afternoon from 5 o'clock till 7 p.m.

Ciano von Mackensen (German Ambassador in Rome) and Signor Alfieri (Italian Ambassador in Berlin) were present. — Reuter.

SPAIN FACES NO BIG PROBLEM

The Spanish Ambassador in Lisbon, Señor Nicolas Franco, brother of Gen. Franco, broadcasting on the anniversary of the Nationalist rising in Spain, said:

"Fortunately, I can authoritatively state that Spain is not facing any tremendous problem, nor are grave complications imminent. Internal recovery is proceeding, and we have no conflicts with any country with whom we maintain diplomatic representations. Our relations with all our friends were never so cordial."

Rumours to the contrary, he added, were false and were spread by Spain's enemies. Portugal and Spain would march together hand-in-hand in complete agreement, and his listeners could be sure that peace would reign between the two countries for a great many years.

JAPANESE ATTACKS ON JUNKS

Further attacks by Japanese on junks were reported to the Police this morning.

The master of Junk No. T4018H, Chan Kit, had a cargo of \$8,680 seized by a party of Japanese from a trawler on August 31.

Chan's junk was sailing about a mile east of Sam Mun Custom Station, when a Japanese trawler opened fire with machine-guns.

Six Japanese sailors boarded and removed the cargo and destroyed arms and ammunition valued at \$485.

Chan Kan-ye, master of junk No. 341HA, reported that his junk was burnt by the Japanese on September 17, at Lap Sap Mei Island.

Nine persons from the crew were taken into custody, while four escaped by clinging to a piece of wood.

They were picked up by the s.s. Sai On yesterday and brought to the Colony.

The cargo and the junk were completely destroyed.

PRINCE EDWARD RD. BURGLARY

Mr. Stewart, of No. 197, Prince Edward Road, first floor, has reported that some person broke into his residence between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday, and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$362.

AIR RAIDS EFFECT ON TRANSPORT

The following report of yesterday's House of Commons proceedings in secret session is issued under the authority of Mr. Speaker: "The House went into secret session and the debate on the aerial bombardment of the country was continued. Members raised points in connection with transport and other subjects and the Minister of Transport made a statement."
—British Wireless.

ROBBERS ESCAPE ON BICYCLES

While walking with a lady friend in Argyle Street at about 8.15 p.m. yesterday, a building contractor's foreman, Lee Shing-ye, was stopped by three Chinese armed with knives, and robbed of two watches and money. The robbers escaped on bicycles.

CASES OF BEER STOLEN

Mr. J. H. Rutledge, of the Hong Kong Brewery, has reported the theft of three cases of beer from the godown at No. 58, Canton Road, yesterday.

SCHOOL'S LOSS

Miss Katie Woo, of St. Paul's Girls' College, Macdonnell Road, has reported the theft of two fountain pens and books from the school dormitory.

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REPRISAL BOMBING BAD POLICY

SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS have urged a diversion of our offensive to reprisal bombing, writes "The Times"; they are responding to a very natural impulse but apart from any other consideration they are advocating what at least at the moment would be far less effective strategy.

If it is infinitely better to destroy places and plant which are the industrial background of the German forces than houses where industrial workers live.

And it is a better defence of London to destroy factories at which raiders are made, to burn oil on which they fly and blast aerodromes from which they come than to employ bombers, which might be doing all these things, in knocking down residential quarters in German cities.

We shall remember and we shall not excuse the murderous strategy which seems to give so much pleasure to the German press but, unlike the Germans, we shall put first things first in our strategy.

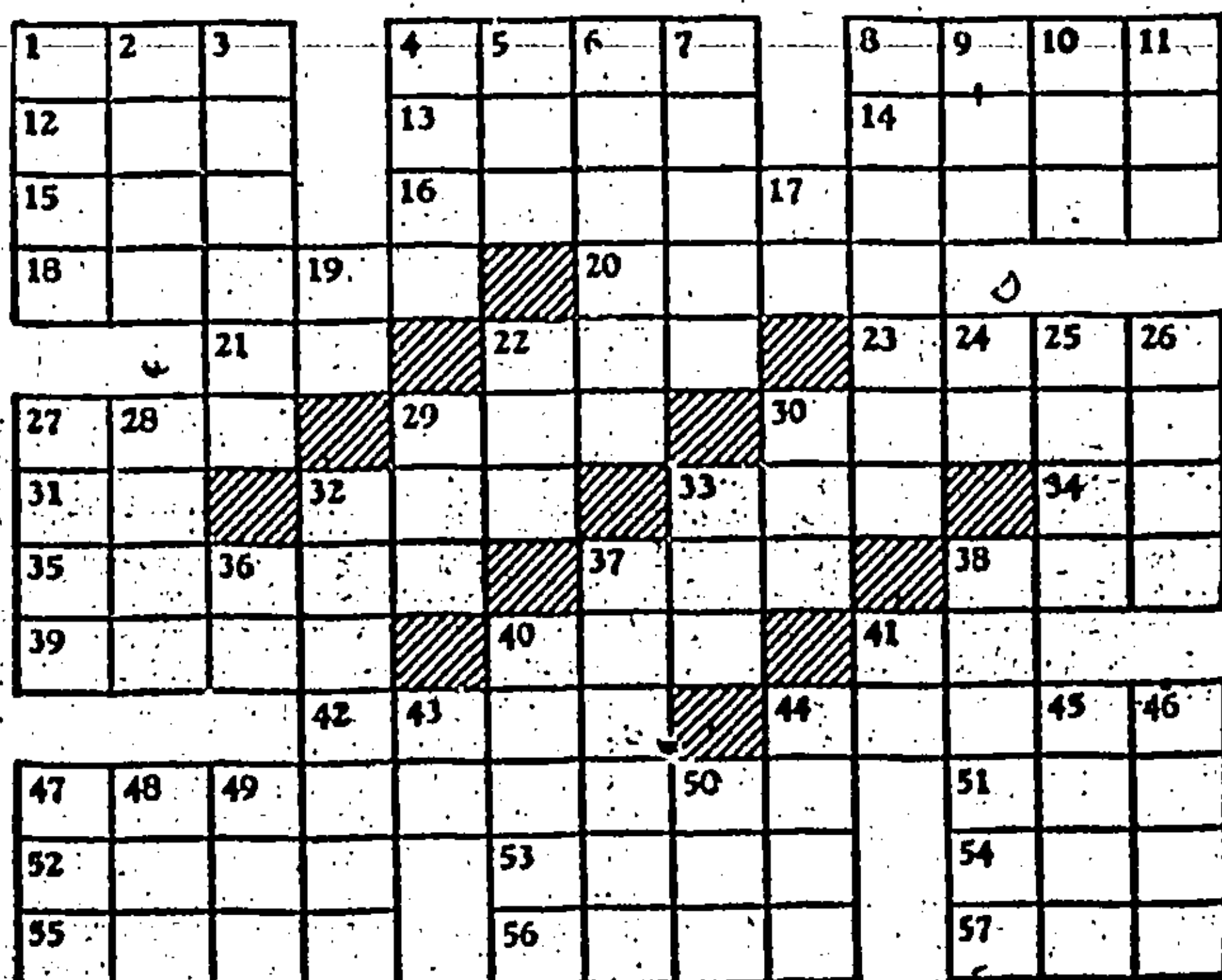
A Blunder

The "Daily Telegraph" says the Secretary for Air was clearly right in pronouncing that a diversion of our air force attacks from military objectives to retaliation would be a blunder.

All our striking power should be concentrated on the enemy's war resources.

Such are blows which do the most damage and they have been delivered so effectively that the Minister was able to report a fall in German arms production as great as 30 per cent.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

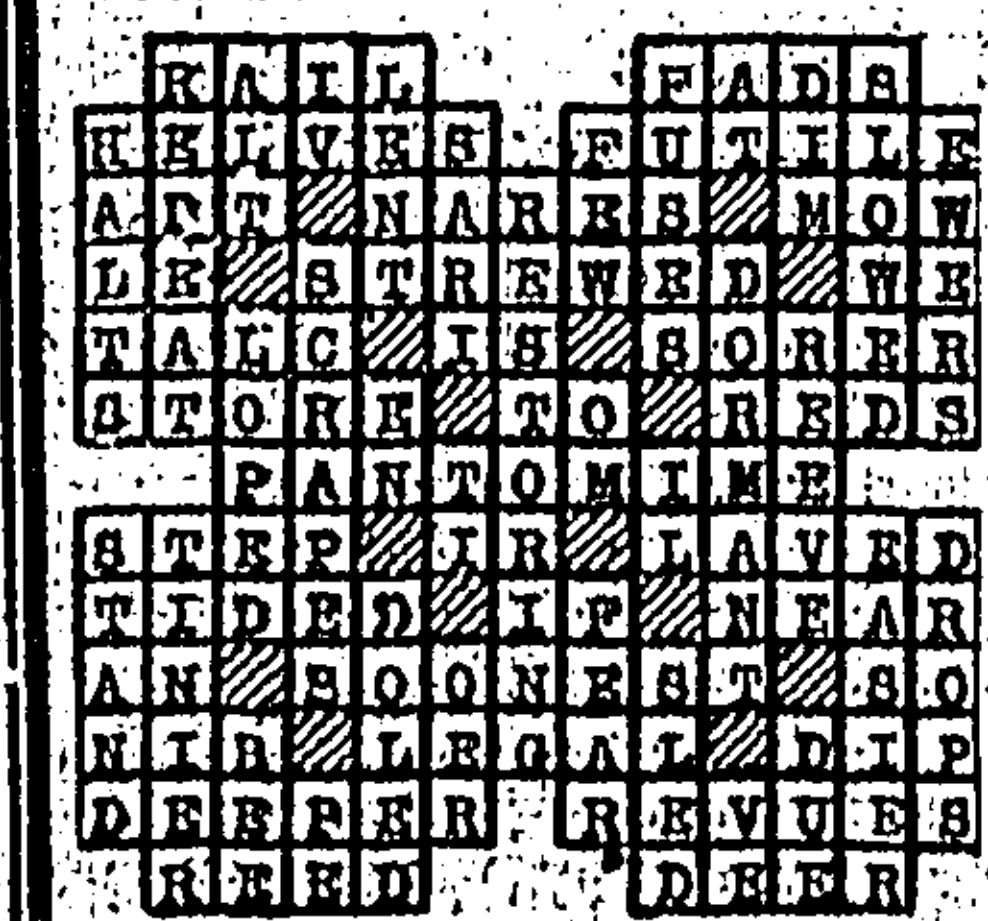


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4 Cleatrix
8 God of love
12 Literary scraps
13 Invisible emanation
14 Baseball team
15 To take unlawfully from
16 Claimant
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20 Jules Verne character
21 Babylonian deity
22 Evil
23 To boast
27 Existed
29 Archaic: to think
30 Aggregate of plants in a district
31 Italian article
32 Down-hearted
33 Payment
34 To depart
35 Moped
37 Seed container
38 The sun
39 Old English court
40 Digit
41 By

42 Instrument
44 Ventures
47 South American republic
51 Girl's name
52 Needy
53 Solar disc
54 To spend
55 Receptions
56 Culinary herb
57 German resort

VERTICAL
1 To injure
2 Ox of
3 Celebes
3 End walls
4 Weakens
5 Mongrel
6 Places of combat
7 Ranked

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



WOMAN'S VISIT TO STONECUTTERS

Convicted for being on Stonecutters Island without a written permit Molly Yip, alias Mrs. McDonald, of No. 4, Hennessy Road, was placed on a \$10 bond by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was summoned at the instance of Chief Inspector A. B. Allen, of R. N. D. Police, who stated that accused was found on the Island. She had previously been warned not to go there.

Pleading guilty, she stated that she went to look for her husband, who had not been home for 23 days.

Binding her over, the Magistrate said: "Whether your husband is there or not, you are not allowed to go to the Island because it is a prohibited area."

ARMED MEN CAUGHT IN KOWLOON

Arrested with two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition in Prince Edward Road on Wednesday, four men appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning and were remanded for three days.

They were Tse Lui, 28, Yau Ming, 26, and Tsang Hung, charged with conspiracy to rob a grocer's shop at No. 59, Cheung-shawan Road, and with possession of arms without a licence, and Chan Cheung, 30, charged with conspiracy.

Chan Cheung, the fourth accused pleaded not guilty and was discharged.

'CRIME' WAVE IN OSAKA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Osaka leads the whole of Japan in economic crimes, stated the "Asahi" yesterday. A total of 2,500,000 yen has been paid in fines by violators of the economic control law since the measure was passed in 1938. In the same period 344 persons have been brought to trial.—Havas.

PARIS RATIONING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ration cards will come into use on Sept. 23 in Paris, the "Petit Parisien" announced yesterday. The authorities have closed many shops in Paris so as to raise commodity prices.—Havas.

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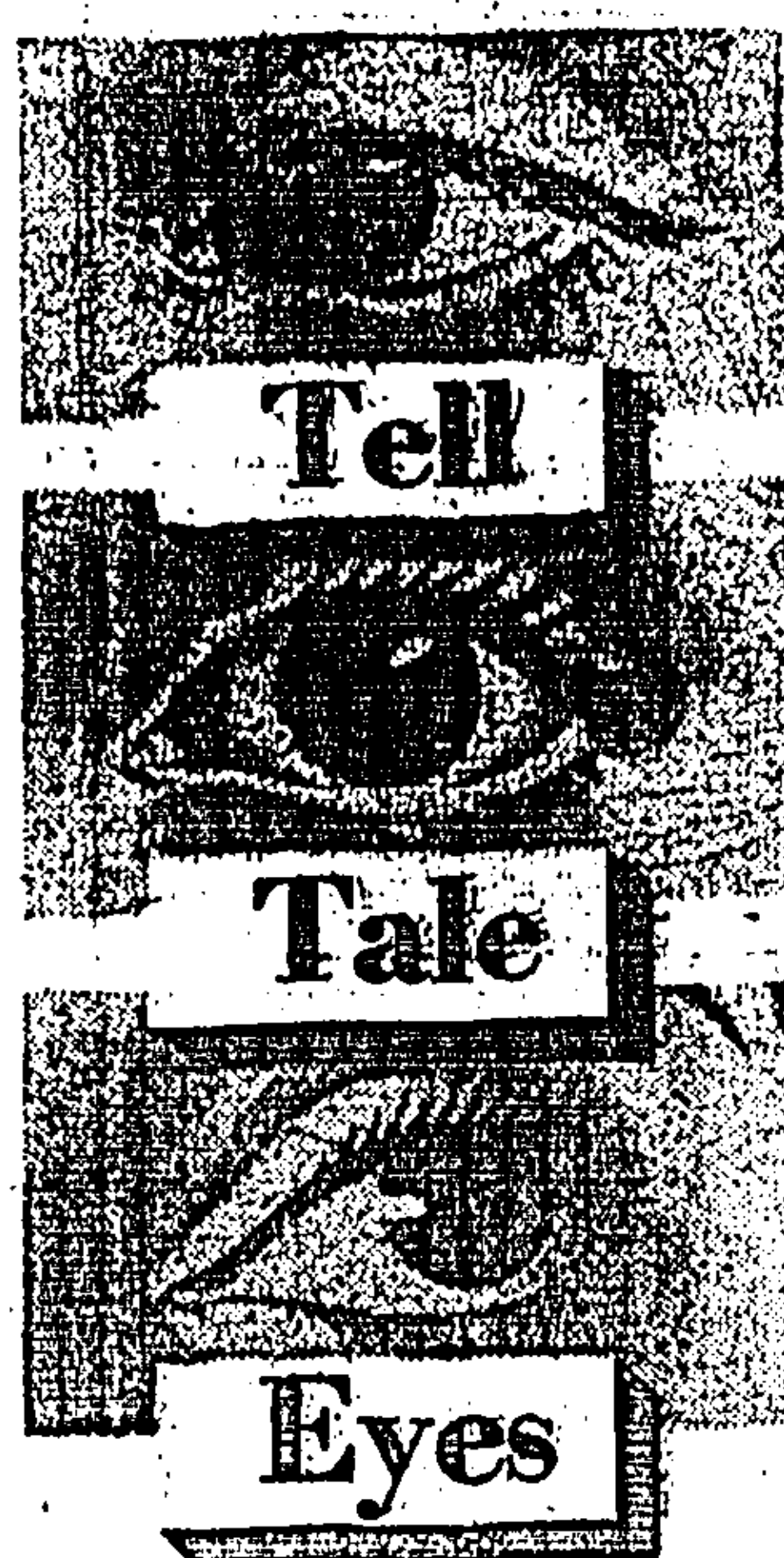
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HITLER'S GRAB IN LUXEMBOURG: FORMAL PROTEST

ON SEPTEMBER 9, a declaration was made by the Government of Luxembourg concerning the violation by Germany of the neutrality and integrity of the Grand Duchy.

The full text has now arrived in London and is as follows: "In violation of the assurance given at the outbreak of war to respect the integrity and neutrality of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Reich invaded and occupied the Grand Duchy with her troops during the night of May 9-10.

The Grand Duchess and her Government left the country as a protest against this act of violence and for the purpose of freeing their actions from the pressure of the invader and so as to be able to defend the interests of their own country in freedom among other free nations.

Before leaving, the Government gave instructions to the administrative authorities of Luxembourg who were remaining in the country with a view to ensuring the continuance of the civil administration during the military occupation. These measures were in accordance with international law.

Reich Grab

Measures decreed since May 10 for the administration of the Grand Duchy soon showed the real intentions of the Reich towards this country. A few days after the invasion the country was declared enemy territory and after a short transitional period the military administration was replaced by a gauleiter.

This gauleiter entered the town of Luxembourg at the head of a force of German police.

In a speech made upon this occasion the gauleiter proclaimed that the Luxembourg population was in fact of German character.

Little by little the gauleiter suppressed the use of the French language which for generations had been the official language of the country. He ordered the exclusive use of the German tongue.

He declared the Constitution to be abolished and released officials from their oath of loyalty to the Grand Duchess. He forbade the use of the terms Grand Duchy and the country of Luxembourg.

The Grand Duchess and her Government protest solemnly against these actions which violate international law and treaties and promises given by Germany. They will never recognise their validity.

Never in any way in the past or in the present has the attitude of the Grand Duchess or of the Grand Ducal Government nor the attitude of the people of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg given the slightest justification for this gross injustice committed by the Reich against a little country wishing to live at peace among its neighbours.

The authorities of the Reich have done all they could since May 10 to prevent the Grand Duchess and the Grand Ducal Government from making contact with the people of Luxembourg. Nevertheless the Grand Duchess and her Government know that in making this protest they are acting with the full agreement of the people of Luxembourg who, if they were free to demonstrate their feelings, would not fail to demonstrate their wish to remain free and independent as they were proud to do one year ago when with universal enthusiasm they celebrated the independence of the Grand Duchy.—British Wireless.

ARREST AFTER TAXI CHASE

Arrested after a chase by bus and taxi-cab in Piccadilly, Denis Percy-Edsall (27), of Bramerton Street, S.W., was at Bow Street remanded on charges of being found in Lansdowne House, Mayfair, for an unlawful purpose and possessing housebreaking implements by night.

He pleaded "GUILTY".

HARNESS THE SCIENTISTS TO WIN THE WAR

THE FULL USE of our scientific resources is essential if we are to win the war. To-day they are being half used. Yet the Nazis have shown for the last ten years that they were treating the subject of warfare in a scientific way.

In war, the usual materials on which the nation depends are not to be found. New needs, new methods, new problems have to be faced.

Not to use science under these conditions is not just obstinate stupidity; it is a sure way to breakdown, confusion and defeat.

Yet, because an organised scientific approach to the problems of national existence is foreign to the tradition of economic and political management in Britain, very little has been done to harness science to our war effort.

The failures and omissions of the Government are revealed by twenty-five leading scientists in a new Penguin Special "Science and the War." Some of the things they suggest science can do to help defeat the Nazi menace are illustrated here.

Substitutes

War stimulates the production of substitutes for essential materials. Oil from coal—produced in a plant in Durham—is an example which has not been sufficiently developed in Britain.

Others to which Germany does pay attention are sugar, glycerine from wood, synthetic rubber (200 tons can be made from gas, chlorine and sulphur in two hours), plastics, metal substitutes for copper, aluminium and magnesium. All can be made here.

New Weapons

Spanish Republicans first used grenades and Mills bombs against German and Italian tanks in the Civil War. Their ingenuity soon improvised new and better weapons. Explosives slipped inside metal tubes carrying heavy metal rings proved more effective because blast, not shrapnel, is the destructive force.

The trial and error methods of the Spaniards could have been immensely improved by scientific research, but the British Army took no notice of Hitler's experimental war in Spain.

Blood And Wounds

Blood transfusions can save many lives on the battlefield and among civilians attacked from the air. It is relatively easy to preserve blood for two or three weeks, and it is the experts and scientists who have made blood transfusion services possible.

In the treatment of wounds, too, great headway has been made since the last war, when 20 per cent. of the wounded died or became permanently injured. Even fly-grubs are used to help in healing wounds, and in the Spanish War wounds were redressed only when the small became unbearable. Doctors let Nature do their

100 BOMBS BUT NO HIT

The captain and crew of 26 men of a Finnish steamer arrived in Malta after rowing 32 miles in two open boats, says Reuter.

Their ship was attacked eight times by Italian bombers. The bombers dropped 100 bombs without making a direct hit on the ship, but she eventually sprang a leak and slowly sank.

Food Problem

Until recently it was thought that a man was fed when he satisfied his hunger and thirst. Now we know that adequate feeding is a scientific business, and men, women and children must have sufficient calories and vitamins to keep them fit.

In Germany during the last war 300,000 civilians died of tuberculosis due to malnutrition. In Britain to-day thousands of children suffer from rickets. Dietetics and communal feeding centres will save British lives and maintain our morale.

Scientific methods, too, are needed to analyse morale, to foresee points of tension, to measure public opinion and suggest lines of successful propaganda. It is useless sending out Ministry Information Propaganda vans unless the propagandists know what to say and how to say it.

Cattle Breeding

Science has been more neglected in the breeding of cattle than in any other department of food production. Attention has been paid to the breeding of males, but none to females on whom the reproduction of stock depends.

Science can greatly increase the fertility of our meat-supply stocks, but first, superstition and the age-old methods must be eradicated.

The Land

Land fertility, too, has been neglected. Lloyd George is one among many who have tried to create interest in the work of the agricultural research stations.

Improved pastures, a great increase in crops of feeding stuffs, better live stock and better root and cereal crops can be quickly obtained if science is allowed to govern agriculture.

Use For Fish

The problem of reduced imports of fertilisers (and the falling off of sea-fish for human consumption) can largely be solved by scientific, intensive fish-farming in our inland waters. In-shore fishing, too, can be developed on a big scale by cultivation of seaweed, on which the fish feed.

In those, and a thousand other ways, often unsuspected, science can multiply the usefulness of our simple home resources. Science can, in fact, win this war for Democracy and human progress.

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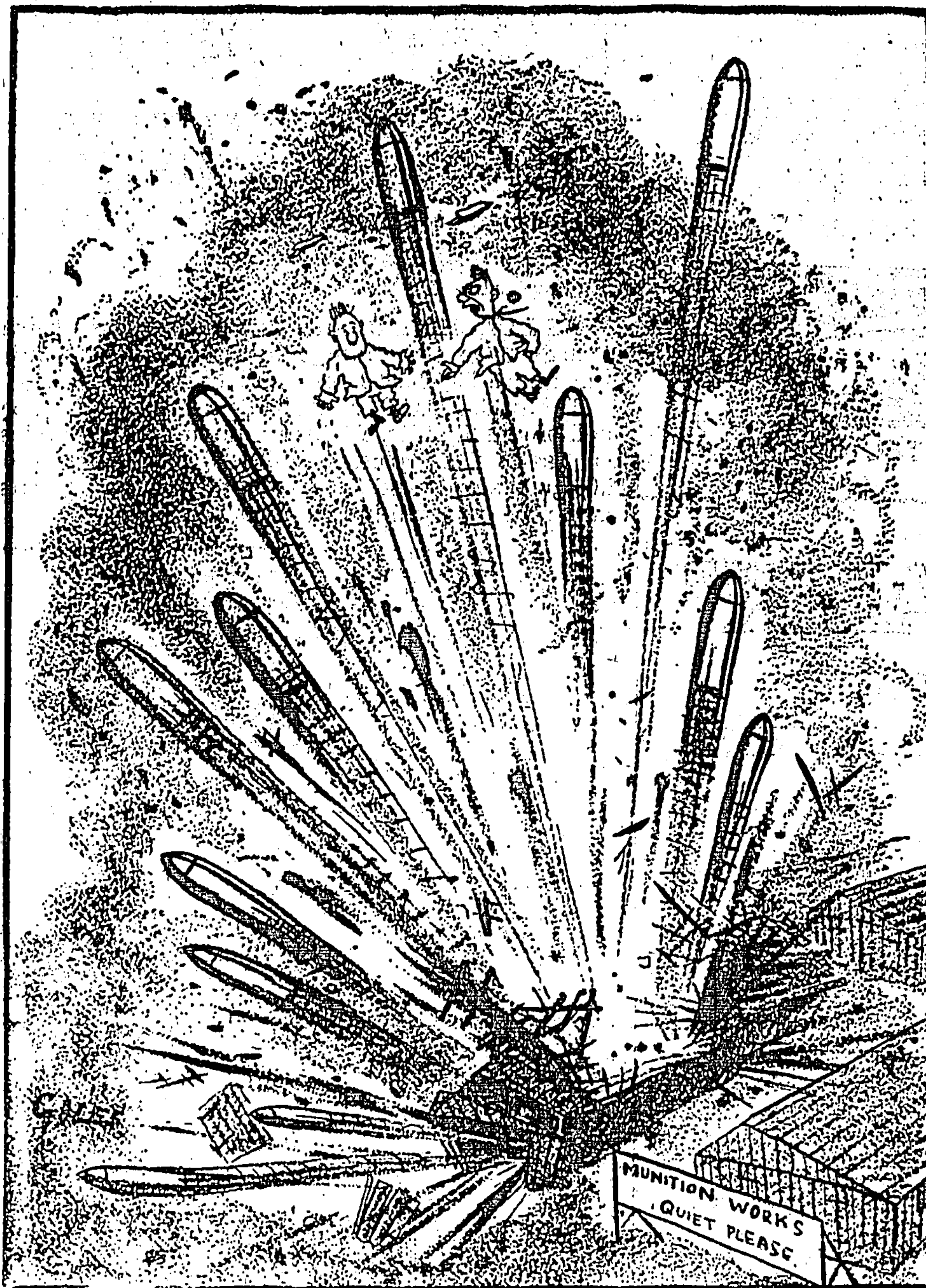
THE FACE OF FRANCE

A current quip has it that there is something Vichy about those "treason trials" in France. So sad is the plight of France and so smelly are these performances that the pun holds more truth than humour.

If the Petain regime were holding military courts-martial to mete justice to traitors and saboteurs, the world would not need to hold its nose. It is understandable that the people should desire to punish those high and low who betrayed France. But what have we? Political "trials" to make scapegoats of men who may have made mistakes in judgment! One-sided ordeals in which the clique which now rules France can pay off old scores! For instance, Former Premier Daladier appears to stand in danger because he led France into the war, not because he broke France's solemn obligations to Czechoslovakia at Munich.

If these "investigations" brought out the lesson that France fell because many Frenchmen put narrow economic or class interests ahead of national unity, they might be useful. As it is they prolong the war among Frenchmen. Berlin must be well satisfied to have "democratic corruption" exposed and democratic energies devoted to recrimination and bitterness. Indeed, there is strong evidence that part of the push for these exhibitions comes from the Nazis.

We do not see here the people of France. We see instead a puppet regime jumping as the strings are pulled. The performance can benefit only one small group of discredited politicians and the Nazi conquerors who wish to divert attention while they loot France and use her ports and resources for further aggression — which if successful could only weaken France's hope of regaining freedom and dignity. Much as one sympathises with the real France, she can expect little help from outside until there are assurances that it will not be used to her ultimate harm by those who are putting on this puppet show.



"There you go! There you go! Can't keep your . . . 'ands off anything!"

A War Of Truth Against Lies

People who read the communiques of both sides in the war must often be puzzled to know what to believe. The accounts of the same events given by the Germans and by the British are frequently in absolute conflict.

Here is an analysis of both sorts of report.

In recording an air attack upon a British convoy, the German account will say, (to take an imaginary example) that a British cruiser and two destroyers were sunk, that a number of merchant vessels were bombed, and that British aeroplanes, trying to resist the Germans, lost ten machines, while the Germans lost three.

The British account of the same action will probably say that all the German bombs fell into the sea, or that one merchant ship was struck, that four German bombers and six German fighters were brought down, and that two British machines failed to return.

That is not an exaggerated illustration of the sort of conflicting accounts which the two sides publish. The neutral reader, with both accounts before him, naturally concludes that both sides are lying, and that the truth cannot be discovered.

Are there any means by which the comparative truthfulness of the German and the British communiques can be determined?

There Are

In the first place, the reader may reasonably ask himself whether there are any instances in which either side can be definitely proved to have lied.

On examination, he will find

there is no case in which a British communique has been falsified. But there are many instances in which the German communiques have been proved by the event to be absolutely untrue.

An Example From History

Take the case of the *Graf Spee*, all the facts of which were very soon known to the whole world. Every British communique referring to this action as it proceeded was proved in the event to have been a sober and accurate

By Ramsay Muir, Litt. D.

account of the facts as they were known.

The Germans, on the other hand, sent out successive communiques which were absolutely contradictory and all remote from the truth. Day by day, and almost hour by hour, they sent forth the kind of statements which they wanted the world to believe. Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, as the episode took place in neutral waters, the truth could not be concealed.

Take, again, the case of the *Ark Royal*, which the Germans went on asserting that they had sunk. This sunken vessel, before long, turned up at the Cape, and later took an active part in the action at Oran.

Again, the German communiques have given the names of so many British warships, which they

claim to have sunk that, if these claims were sound, there would be very little of the British Navy left. The claims are obviously pure invention.

Another Test

In the second place, the critical reader might reasonably ask which side is the more frank in recording its own losses. That is the best test of truthfulness.

The Germans have never admitted the loss of a single submarine. Every loss of a British submarine has been announced by the Admiralty, though frequently the Germans have not known of the loss.

When a German submarine entered Scapa Flow and sunk the *Royal Oak*, the news was at once announced by the Admiralty, before the Germans had heard what had happened.

Regularly, the British have stated the number and tonnage of ships lost through enemy action whether by submarine or mine. The Germans never announce the loss of their vessels.

Many transports carrying troops from Germany and Norway were sunk, as was testified by neutral evidence.

None of these sinkings was ever reported by Germany. Britain has several times reported the loss of transports, and the number of lives lost.

Figures Tell

The Germans have constantly concealed the amount of their losses on land. Thus, at an early stage in the fighting in France, they stated that their losses were not heavier than in the Battle of

Germany's Achilles Heel

How much oil does Hitler's Europe need? Germany herself, including Austria, Czechoslovakia and occupied Poland, normally requires about eight million tons per annum. France's requirements amount to about seven million tons, while Italy needs some 3½ million tons annually. Among the smaller countries, Rumania normally consumes 1.9 million tons, Holland 1.6 millions, Sweden 1.2 millions, Denmark 0.9 million and Belgium 0.7 million.

Allowing for the needs of the rest of Europe (excluding Spain, Portugal and Turkey), the total quantity of oil needed by Hitler's Europe adds up to no less than 27½ million tons per annum.

Consumption can, of course, be reduced without any harmful effect on production and trade by the limitation of private motoring and by rigorous economy in other uses. Further, in view of the reduction in shipping movements due to the British blockade, the quantity of oil needed for bunkering purposes will be below normal. It is very unlikely, however, that Europe's consumption can be cut below about 18 million tons per annum without crippling trade and inland transport.

How far can Hitler meet these needs from Continental European sources? On the most favourable assumptions Greater Germany may be able to produce about 5 million tons per annum; this figure includes crude oil as well as oil produced from coal and by other methods. In the present year, however, the German output may not reach this figure.

France, Albania, Hungary and Estonia can add somewhat more than one million tons annually.

Much the most important source of supply, however, is Rumania. That country is now producing at the rate of rather more than 6 million tons per annum.

But even if none of the Rumanian oil were allowed to leave Europe and even if all of it could be transported to Central, Western and Northern Europe, the Nazis could not secure more than about 12 million tons per annum in the most favourable circumstances, leaving a deficiency of 6 million tons.

Indeed, unless Germany can obtain access to additional sources of supply, Europe as a whole will be desperately short of oil, and its industries and transport will be crippled. The stocks secured in France and the Low Countries can at best postpone the difficulties for a few months.

Where is Germany likely to look for additional supplies? Russia now produces at the rate of about 30 million tons per annum, and a large proportion of her oil-fields are located in Southern Russia, with pipelines leading into the Black Sea. But Russia has virtually nothing to spare.

Iraq can supply about four million tons per annum by way of the pipelines leading to the Mediterranean through Syria and Palestine.

Iran, which is even less accessible, can produce more than ten million tons annually.

But although the French Government of Syria has now apparently fallen in with the Petain regime, the British Navy should be able to prevent shipments from that source to Europe.

How will Hitler attempt to solve this problem? If access to the Near East across the Dardanelles is barred by the danger of a conflict with Turkey and Russia, and if he is prevented from reaching his objective by sea by the British Navy, the only other—but by no means unguarded—route open to him is along the coast of North Africa, across the Suez Canal.

WALTER HILL.

the Somme in the last war. Much later, after a great deal of fierce fighting in which they sacrificed their men lavishly, they published a statement of their total losses which was only a small fraction of the losses on the Somme.

It appears, therefore, that the British statements are much more trustworthy than the German statements. The reason is that the two countries follow quite different principles in framing their communiques.

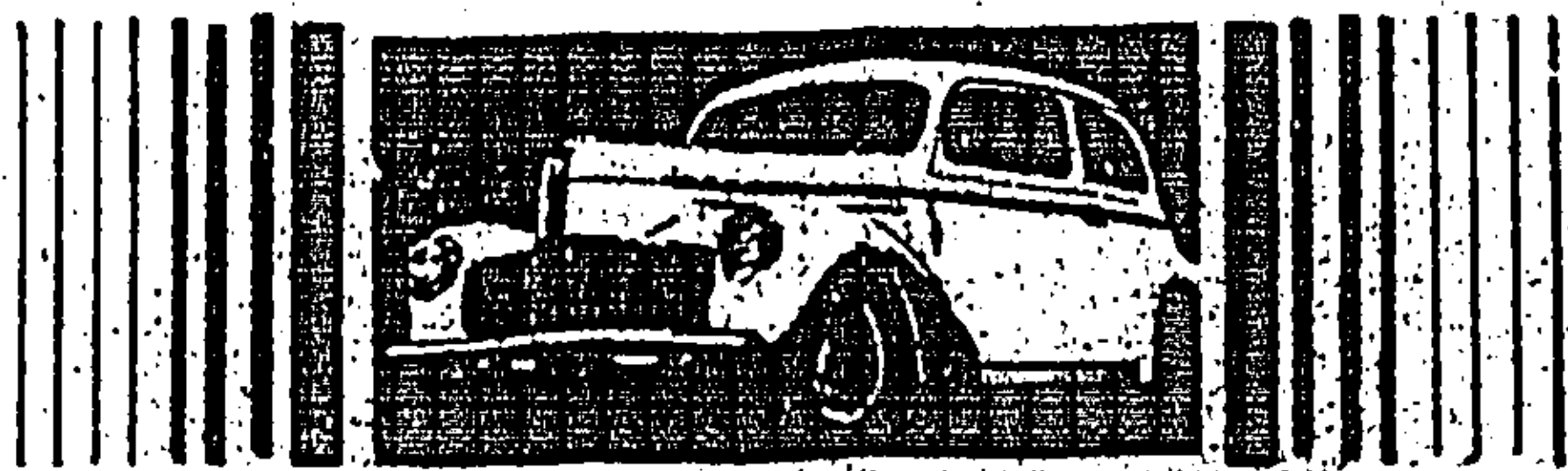
The British principle is that a communique must give the facts, so far as they can be given without affording useful knowledge to the enemy.

German communiques, on the other hand, like German broadcasts, are not designed to tell the truth, but to produce a certain effect upon the minds of their own people and other peoples.

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It's a pretty domestic picture, but not an economical one for a nation at war, and a war in which the food problem is the deciding factor. As every housewife knows, cooking for a small family costs as much in fuel as cooking for a large one. Small joints mean a certain amount of waste.

Ten families cooking the average family dinner—say, joint and pie in the oven and three saucepans on the top each uses approximately four pennyworth of gas or 2½ to 3 units of electricity.

A communal meal for those ten families would reduce fuel consumption to a fraction of a penny per family, cost of foodstuffs by half and eliminate otherwise unavoidable waste.

That is why the Government has embarked on a tremendous food and cooking census throughout the country preparatory to making arrangements for communal feeding.

Such communal feeding would do much to equalise consumption as rationing has not succeeded in doing. If it became universal it would no longer be possible for the rich to feed luxuriously while the man-in-the-street existed on emergency rations.

It would provide an answer to Labour's demand for the end of luxury dining out.

Food Saving

But, more than this, it would mean a tremendous conservation of food supplies and simplification of transport, with, at the same time, a better standard of nutrition for the poorest members of the community.

Scraps, which in individual families seem too small to save, would all be conserved, providing valuable foodstuffs for pigs and poultry.

The Ministry of Food has already begun to take a census of restaurants, cafes, and catering establishments of all descriptions, together with their kitchen and seating accommodation and normal custom.

The census, and the scheme for which it provides, will not be confined to London and other large centres; it will operate throughout the country.

Details of the scheme have not yet been worked out, but the probabilities are that workers in smaller offices and buildings would still be able to dine at their usual establishment, but this would be controlled, and customers would be registered for such an establishment in the same way as they now register with their retailer for rationed commodities.

Large works would have their own canteen which would be controlled in the same way. Other plans would have to be made for the residential areas where families eat at home.

It has not yet been decided when such a scheme would come into operation, but it is certain that it would be rapidly expedited in the event of large scale war operations. Efficiently operated it would increase enormously the strength of our defence measures.

Billeting Simpler

It would take the sting out of other problems besides transport, notably evacuation. With communal feeding the billeting of evacuees becomes a simpler matter, and the household in an evacuation area which has been reduced no longer faces the uneconomic proposition of catering for a family which has been split up.

Communal feeding, as tried out for children in reception areas, has been a notable success in a way which augurs well for the future of a wider scheme.

There are a variety of points arising out of the scheme with which the Government will presumably deal. One is the cost of fuel. In many quarters when electricity companies put up

BREAKS WITH VICHY GOVERNMENT

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED FROM GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH FREE FORCES IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL OF BRIGADE EON, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE 1ST ZOUAVES AT CASABLANCA AND PREVIOUSLY COMMANDER OF A SUB-DIVISION AT TETUAN, HAS ARRIVED IN ENGLAND AND IMMEDIATELY PLACED HIMSELF AT THE DISPOSAL OF GENERAL DE GAULLE.

Meanwhile in Melbourne yesterday, it was stated that the Australian Federal Government has been informed that New Caledonia has broken away from the Vichy Government and declared allegiance to General de Gaulle who has appointed M. Santot as his representative in place of General Denis, the Governor under the Vichy administration who resigned.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, said yesterday that the island's adherence to the cause of General de Gaulle has strengthened the already close ties between New Caledonia and Australia.

He added that Australia's real material interest in Caledonia's welfare did not indicate hostility to anybody else.

It was pointed out in Melbourne that the new development will not prejudice the recent commercial agreements between Australia and mining interests in New Caledonia.—Reuter.

The Administrator of the French colony of Chandernagore (India) at a public meeting yesterday expressed the hope that "all would follow General de Gaulle's lead to victory with the help of Britain, which is growing stronger every day." — Reuter.

JAPANESE FIVE-YEAR INSURANCE PLAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A five-year programme aiming at spreading health insurance benefits was announced in Tokyo yesterday and a general meeting of all insurance organisations in Japan has been called for Oct. 9.

The new plan will be launched next year and aims at securing 30,000,000 policy holders by 1946, or an average of six million new policies a year. The "Nichi-Nichi" says 20,000 new insurance offices will be set up all over Japan. — Havas.

CAROL AND NINE LUPESCU IN SPAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupescu are still residing at Seages, the Catalan seaside resort south of Barcelona. It is understood that Carol intends to proceed to America. — Havas.

their charges at the beginning of the war, and families hit by the rising cost of living attempted to balance these by reducing their consumption, the companies replied by raising standing charges.

In any event, one of the reasons given for the soaring charges of such services was the reduction in consumption, which would certainly be still more reduced by the new scheme. So fuel prices will have to be controlled as well.

WARSHIPS FOR SOVIET

Russia plans to build powerful squadrons of modern first-class warships "in the shortest possible time," according to an article in the "Isvestia."

Five times as many warships were built in Soviet dockyards last year than in the peak year of the second five-year plan, the article adds.

BATTERED BUT ABLE TO EAT!

The complete failure of enemy raids to impair London's food supplies claimed by the Minister of Food in his statement on Wednesday, is well borne out in reports made last night by two American correspondents.

John McVane, broadcasting from London on the National Broadcasting System, said:

"One of the N.B.C. observers came through Covent Garden and found it crammed with every kind of fruit and vegetable you can imagine. There are boxes of Tasmanian apples and South African grapefruit and lettuce by the truckload and many other perishable commodities which must have been brought in during the night.

This doesn't mean that this big town hasn't been badly battered in the past twenty-four hours. It's merely a reminder that London is a vast area which cannot be knocked out by a few bombers in a few days or even weeks of constant raiding."

H. R. Knickerbocker, in a message to New York, wrote: "This sort of destruction certainly is not going to win the war and to-day, after touring the city's principal markets, I can testify that the German radio's claim that the Luftwaffe is gradually starving London is simply imbecile.

"If there is any shortage at Covent Garden, London's biggest and most famous market, it is invisible to the naked eye. It takes just as long now to thread one's way through its lanes and alleys, piled mountain high with every variety of food, as it ever did in peacetime." — British Wireless.

LIGHTNING AIR FIGHT

A lightning series of air battles was reported recently by an R.A.F. fighter pilot.

Flying over France the pilot, a Flight Lieutenant, saw a Spitfire below him shot down by a Messerschmidt 109. The Messerschmidt was immediately shot down by a second Spitfire. Then a second Messerschmidt dived on to the tail of the second Spitfire. All this happened while the Flight Lieutenant, in a third Spitfire, was diving down to join in the fight. He arrived just in time to save the second Spitfire by giving the second Messerschmidt a burst of bullets and sending it diving on its back.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is now highest to the north of Hokkaido, and appears to be increasing over China. It is relatively low over the Pacific eastward of the Loochoos and the Philippines.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON UNBENDING ON ALIEN CONTROL

BEFORE GOING INTO secret session yesterday the House of Commons had the usual hour of questions and answers.

Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, as the most questioned Minister, agreed that a liberal policy of exemption from the Aliens Act restrictions should be followed in respect to citizens of the United States. He added that steps had been taken to this end.

Questioned regarding internees, Sir John Anderson indicated that the Government's policy was not to intern Italians with 20 years' residence in Britain, provided nothing unfavourable was known. Regarding Germans and Austrians, he declared it was, in many cases, more difficult to feel confidence in those with long residence or in those who had come more recently as refugees. A general policy of releasing those with long residence against whom nothing was known could not be justified, although there were individual cases in which long residence could be properly treated as a factor to be taken into account when application was made for release.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN IN HAVOC ZONE

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN YESTERDAY VISITED PEOPLE IN SOME OF THE WORST-RAIDED DISTRICTS OF LONDON. THEY WERE GREETED WITH CHEERFULNESS AND UNDAUNTED COURAGE.

There was no attempt by the police to keep people at a distance and they walked freely among the cheering men and women.

They spoke to members of a rescue squad who had toiled for seven and a half hours in the ruins of a house to get a woman out. At times, they had to use their own bodies as "pit-props," but they reached her and got her out successfully.

When the Queen said to one man "You are doing a good job," he replied, with a grin, "It's all in the day's work. We all get the same pay!"

In one district, their Majesties saw two Anderson shelters which were untouched, although they lay in the middle of a mass of ruins. People in the shelter described how they escaped without a scratch, although bombs fell within a few yards.

The King commented on the effectiveness of the shelters.—Reuter.

CHINESE LAWYER BADLY WOUNDED

Shih Nai-tang, a Chinese lawyer, is lying in a critical condition in Lester Chinese Hospital after being shot by a gunman yesterday.

The gunman, in foreign clothes, visited his office on the second floor, No. 24, Central Road, and fired three shots. One bullet hit his head.

Shih, 30, graduated from the Tze Chih University, Shanghai. He was secretary of a Seamen's Union sponsored by the Wang Ching-wei regime.—Central News.

IMPORTANT IRON ORE DISCOVERY

Extensive deposits of iron ore have been found in the Kangra Hills, in the Punjab, it was stated in Lahore yesterday. The discovery is regarded as important, as it is claimed the quality of the ore compares with that mined in Sweden.—Reuter.

MUST LIGHT UP, EVEN IN RAID

There is no order allowing vehicles to travel without lights—even in an air raid.

This statement was made at Melksham (Wilts) by Inspector Clack when a man was summoned for riding a bicycle without lights.

"I was riding without a light for the safety of my country and not to help the enemy," said the man, William Frank Arthur, aged fifty, of Beaneacre, Melksham Gate.

He said he heard an air raid warning had been sounded in an adjoining district, so he immediately put out his lights.

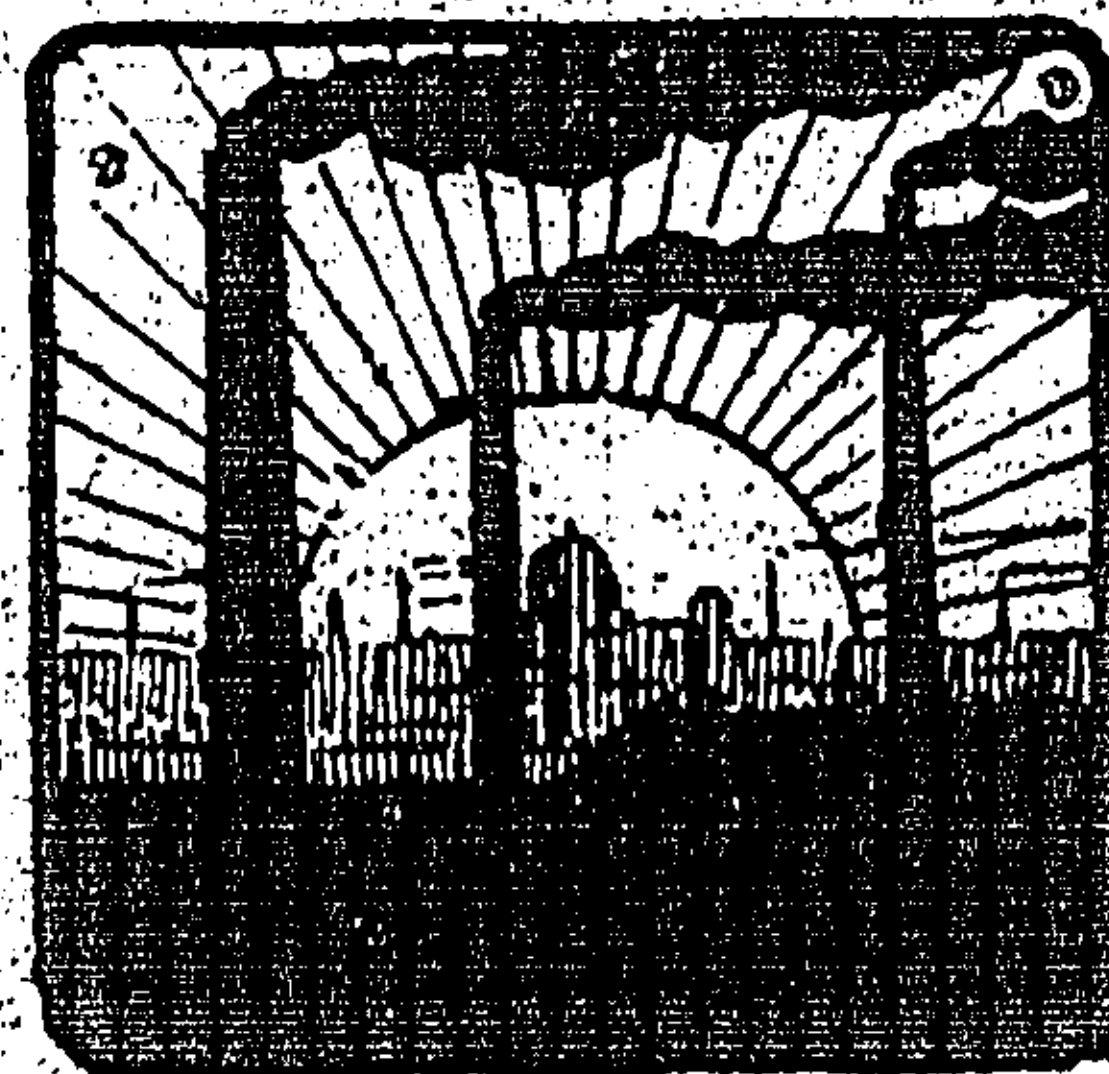
He saw an army lorry pass without lights.

The Bench dismissed the case against Arthur, who wore a 1914 ribbon with Mons Star.

CAINE ROAD THEFT

Mr. L. K. Harjani, of No. 11, Caine Road, has reported the theft of clothing and a fountain pen, valued at \$38.80, from his residence, yesterday.

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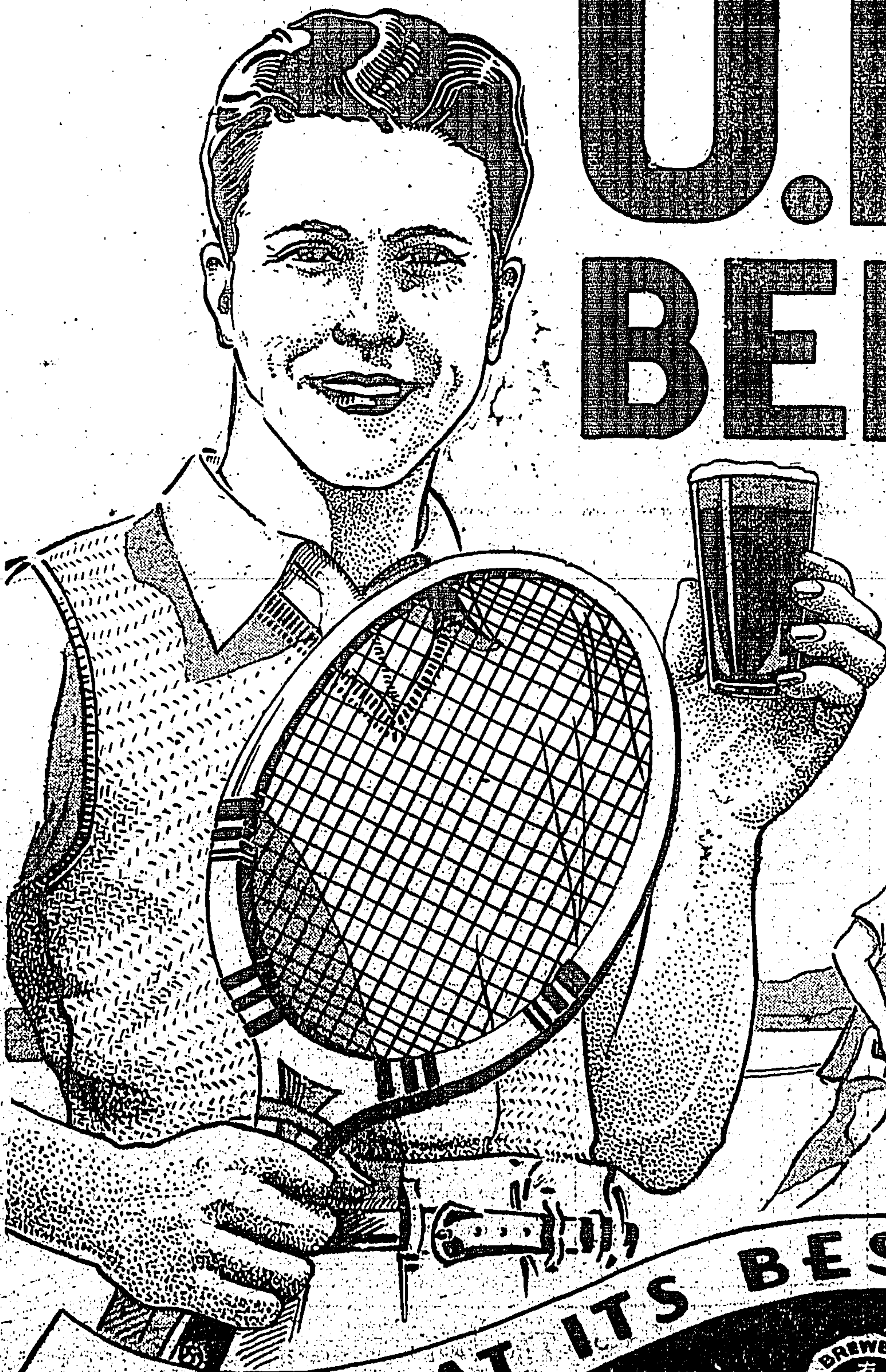
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2838.	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2838. Wing Hong Street, adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2703.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 34,000 \$468 \$10,200

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2	6030.	Inland Lot No. 6030. Blue Pool Road.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 50,000 \$918 \$15,000

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	2830.	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2830. Junction of Shun Ning Road and Camp Street, Shamshuipo.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 5,390 \$74 \$5,300

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WINNING CONTRACT

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THE RIGHT LEAD

In leading your partner's suit against a no-trump contract, you should lead low from three to 5 Queen. For example:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 7 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ Q 8 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ Q 6 3

♠ K J 10

♥ 8 4

♦ A K 6

♣ K J 9 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ Pass 1♥ 1♠

1NT Pass 3♠ Pass

3NT Pass Pass Pass

West quite properly led the deuce of spades — not the Queen. East put up the Ace of spades and returned the suit.

Now South's Jack of spades was trapped.

It would have been best for South to put up the King of spades (although even then correct defence would beat South unless he guessed the club situation.) As it happened, however, South finessed the Jack of spades, losing to West's Queen.

A spade return by West then set up East's suit. South now had to go after the clubs, and not unnaturally took the first club trick with dummy's Ace. From then on there was no hope for South. West got in with the Queen of clubs and led a heart to his partner's Ace; and East then took his established spades. Note that South easily makes his contract if West's opening lead is the Queen of spades. That gives Declarer two tricks — enough for his contract since he can easily win four clubs and three diamonds.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you held:

♠ Q 8 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby You Schenken Maier

1♣ Pass 1♥ 1♠

1NT Pass 3♠ Pass

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To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 7 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 8 6 2

The bidding:

You Jacoby Schenken Maier

1♠ Pass 2♦ 2♥

(?) Pass 2♦ 2♥

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12.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass).
1.13 p.m.—Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Tchaikowsky.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Short Programme of Old English Composers.
6.20 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone).
6.30 p.m.—Liszt—Mefisto. Waltz... Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sergo Koussevitzky.
6.43 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.45 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Handel—Concerto Grosso No. 1, Op. 6, The Boyd Neel String Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—A Bass and Flute Recital by Y. K. Eze (Bass) and Walter H. D. Yeh (Flute) accompanied by E. O'N. Shaw.
8.40 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—World Affairs—Wickham Stead.
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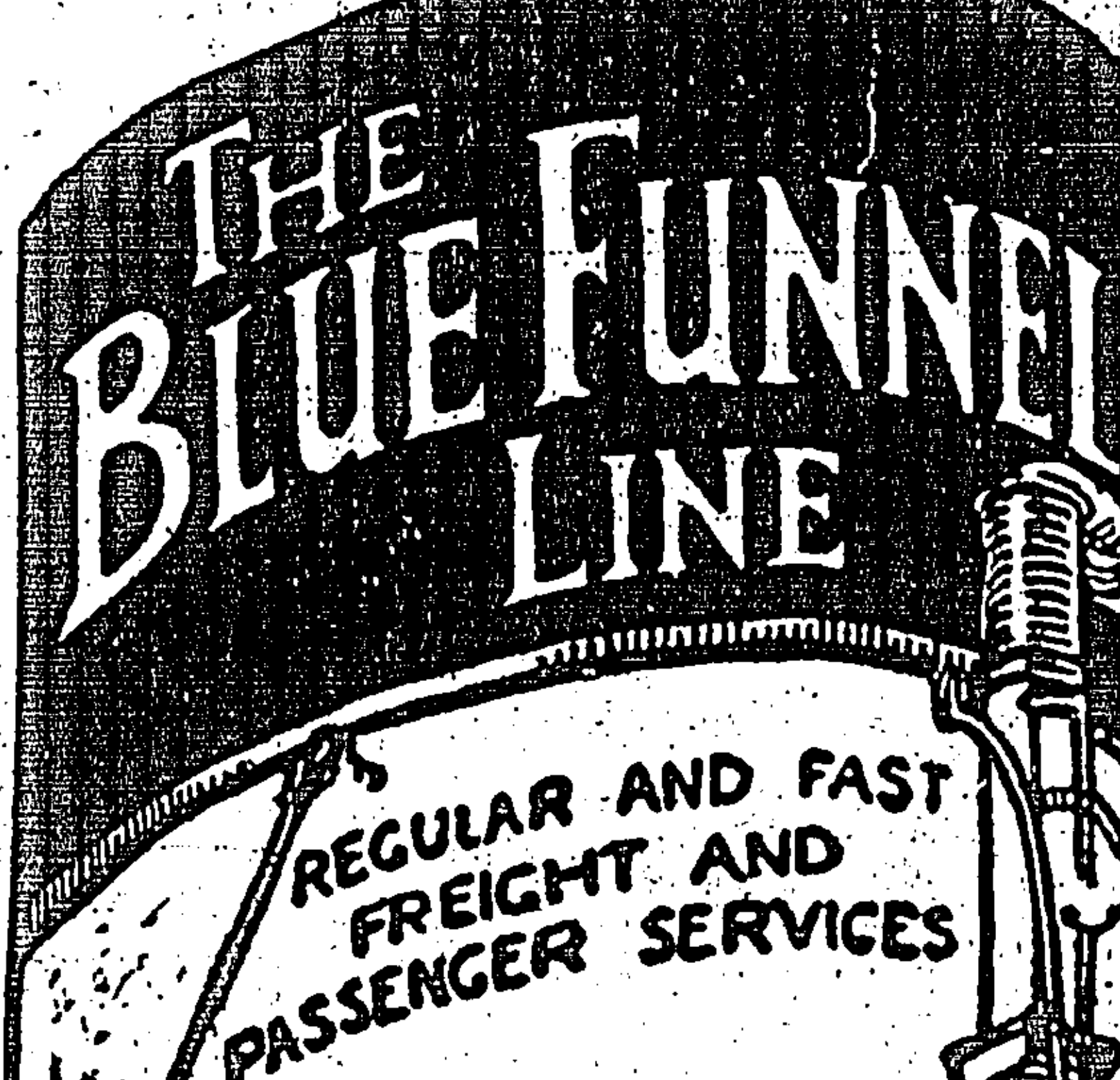
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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

Recreio Deserve Honours They Are Almost Certain To Secure Hong Kong Football Club In Precarious Position

PRISON OFFICERS ASSURED OF PROMOTION

By "Skip"

AS I AM QUITE convinced that neither Civil Service nor Kowloon Dock can beat Club de Recreio even on their own green, I have once more to congratulate the Portuguese on virtually securing the Championship.

That they have deserved it, no one will gainsay as they have been consistency personified, with frequent flashes of brilliance manifesting themselves.

Suffering only one defeat to date — and that most unexpectedly to Police—they have gone from triumph to triumph, their defeat of Craigengower on the latter's green, to make the title practically sure, providing a fitting climax to yet another successful season.

Kowloon Cricket Club moved a U. M. Omar and Raoul Luz were step further from relegation by at it hammer and tongs all the their defeat of the Civil Servants, but Hong Kong Football Club will probably consider themselves unfortunate to lose to the Indians by only a couple of shots in a match which sealed their fate.

Even if in their last game they beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club to-morrow, an unlikely contingency, they are bound to be overtaken by either Recreio "B" or Kowloon Cricket Club who have yet to meet; each of these teams has yet three more games to play.

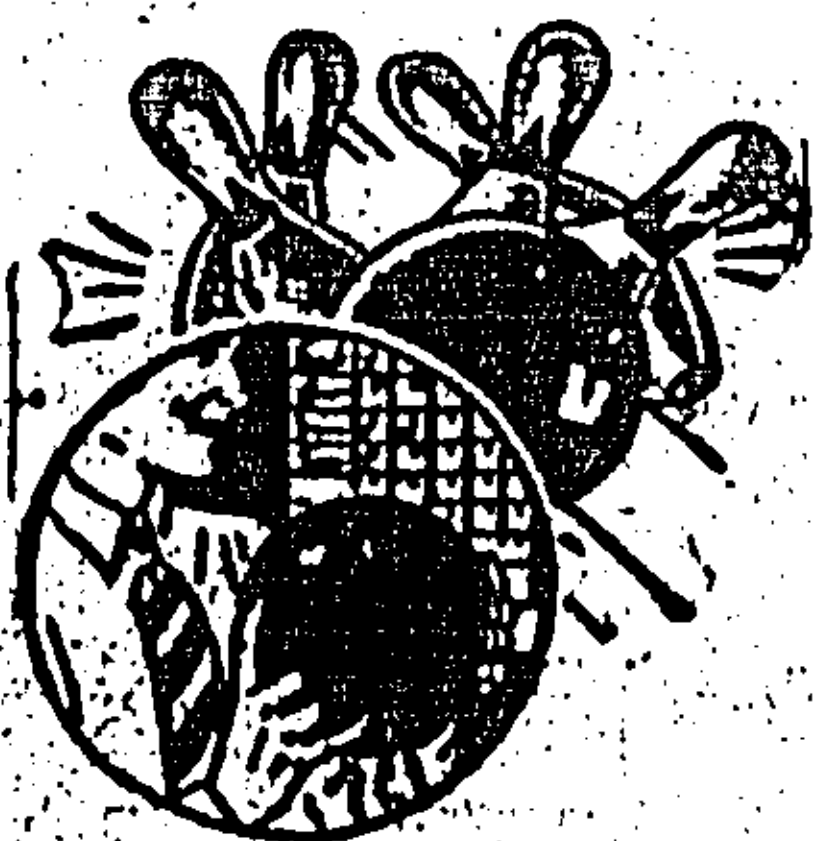
In Second Division Taikoo and Kowloon Football Club maintained their challenge to Kowloon Bowling Green Club by winning their matches, whilst Kowloon Tong as usual upset my forecast by beating Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road, "Hope" Kew securing headlines by reason of an eight against Hubert Overy, who was actually responsible—that sounds better than saying "to blame for"—the big count. Kew's rink consisted of H. A. and A. E. H. Castro and Jimmy Wong.

In Third Division Prison Officers practically assured themselves of promotion by beating Kowloon Football Club, at Chatham Road. They are two points ahead of the Electricians and each have one more game to play.

Not So Exciting

The game at Happy Valley was not nearly as exciting as anticipated as Club de Recreio were always the masters of Craigengower after the first five ends. Charlie Rosset's four again collapsing to lose by 20 shots to Carlos Silva.

Although Spuggy Silva beat Basa narrowly after the latter had made a comeback, the best bowls was seen on the end rink, where



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CHITTENDEN TAKES GIANT'S SHARE

By "Skip"

Although Kowloon Football Club beat Police handsomely enough it was rather a one-man show as Chittenden was all over Channing right from the word "go" and won easily.

Percy Younghusband recovered remarkably well against Harry Brown to win by a brace after trailing 12/1, and 16/4.

There was one remarkable head on which Joe Eastman twice trailed the jack when Police lay, only to have his feat emulated by Bob Hall who made it into five. Brown drew third shot which Younghusband promptly faced out to count five again. Not to be outdone Brown again drew third shot and his opponent made a good effort to push him out but only just rested the wood to get four.

Simpson and Soutar were meanwhile staging a "blitzkrieg" in which the latter, thanks to a five at the last head, got the majority of the 52 shots which were registered.

Civil Servants were never in the hunt against Taikoo, who had the second biggest win of the day. Eccleshall did well to hold Chalmers to four shots and he actually led him once, but Kirmor, skipping for the first time, found Keown's four much too hot.

Hong Kong Cricket Club surprised the critics by soundly beating Club de Recreio, all rinks joining in the fun. Joe Prentice, a left-hander with a good reputation in Shanghai, showed his true form against O. P. Remedios, on whom he administered one of his most severe beatings, but Dai Davies and Charlie Alves had a regular dog-fight before the home skip won. George Costello broke a bad spell by beating the jovial Eddie Souza by nearly a dozen shots.

That "Possible"

Bob Marks had the only win for Kowloon Cricket Club against Kowloon Tong and he was always comfortably ahead of Harry Git-

ROSSELET'S TACTICAL ERROR?

The small but select coterie of spectators who turned up to the Quarter-Final Pairs game between the Omar brothers and Razack and Rosset, were well rewarded, for an exhilarating exhibition of bowling was seen.

"U. M." was as usual, the master and his four perfect woods at the 18th head will long be remembered by those who were present. With the shot against him, about a foot behind, he first of all faced this wood on the fore, then when Rosset's attempt to draw was short, he switched over to the back-hand with equal facility and drew three more shots, all within a foot of the kitty. This count, which put the Omars in the lead after not having had it for six heads, was the turning point in the game.

Most of the spectators, I might add, thought, Rosset was to blame for not driving at this head. He had done so not infrequently before and met with success but when a drive seemed to be the only shot on and he had everything to gain by employing one, he drew and failed badly. A three at the next head followed by a singleton, left the two R's with five to get at the last head and of course the O's matched wood for wood!

Dowman's Display

Burling and Rakusen were meanwhile staging a similar recovery against Channing and Dowman of the Police and scored

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

R.A.S.C. and H.K. Signal Company met in a friendly football game at Sookunpoo on Wednesday and a very good game, void of much football, but full of thrills and spills, was witnessed.

Service Corps started the game with only 10 men, Morgan, failing to put in an appearance until after 20 minutes of play. The Signals were the first to attack through Laing who, however, was robbed by Hamlen through hanging on to the ball too long. Play from this period was very ragged and the first quarter of an hour failed to produce any football worthy of note.

After 30 minutes of play Bradshaw had hard luck with a nice shot on the turn which was well saved by Kennard. Brackenbury tried hard to get his forwards going but Service Corps' halves were superior and held them in all their moves. Martin made a nice run down the wing but, owing to the length of the grass which sorely needs cutting, over-ran the ball. Pitcher had bad luck and only a brilliant save by Mattison prevented the Signals from taking the lead.

Clarke later missed an easy opportunity when the ball rebounded off the cross bar. Parsons, who had been playing well up to this period, trapped the ball and apparently twisted his knee and had to leave the field. He took no further part in the game. Half time arrived without any score.

The second half opened in great style with first the ball swinging from one end of the field to the other. Stephens on the other hand led Tommy Carr practically all the way, whilst Kew inspired no doubt by the "possible" subsequently ran riot against Overy.

I have often said that the skips are blamed for everything that goes wrong whilst they do not always receive their due amount of praise. But in the case of this tally of eight the situation, is somewhat different as Kew got the limelight rather undeservedly. He was lying three or possibly four when Overy with his last wood came up with a ton of weight and took out his only savior! I am told it was a bad shot as a draw was "on", but he was acting on the advice of his No. 3.

The Middlesex were trying out some of their new talent which, I think, they will need for the forthcoming season.

On Monday Service Corps played a Naval team and lost 3 to 1. The best player on Corps' side was S/Sgt. William who has recently arrived in the Colony. He makes a vast improvement in the half back line. Andrews, who usually plays in goal was tried at right-back and on many occasions broke up the Navy attack. Kirkby played a sound game between the sticks.

SOME thrilling moments were witnessed at the Finals of the Army Area Swimming meeting held in the Queen's Road swimming bath, Victoria Barracks, on Thursday, Middlesex Regt., Small Units, and 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., all scoring 50 points, shared the honours. The Aggregate Cup was not presented, owing to the Water Polo competitions not being finished.

Middlesex took the Diving Honours with the Royal Scots second. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., won the Plunging with all three of their team plunging over 50 feet. Bdr. Wilson was the individual winner with 63 feet 1½ inches.

Middlesex finished a close second losing only by a few inches. Royal Scots won the 200 yds. Medley Relay, with Small Units second, in 2 mins. 28-1/5 sec.

In the 400 yds. Free-Style Relay Small Units won in the good time of 4 mins. 18 secs.

The 400 yds. Free-Style (Small Units) was won by 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. and 7th A.A. Bty., R.A., second.

The 400 yds. Free-Style Relay (Large Units) was won by the Royal Scots with the Small Units second.

The 400 yds. Free-Style was won by the Small Units with the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., second.

Major General M. E. Grassett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., presented the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

The other Semi-finalists, whom I have mentioned above, were all over Needham and Brooksbank when they played last week; Charlie Needham was quite good and made his opponent go all out, but Arnold Brooksbank could do nothing right and the game became a fiasco; the score was 39-9!

OTHER BOWLS ON PAGE 15

MANY THANKS MAY EXTEND SAPPER OVER 1 1/4 MILES

Derby Day Good Thing For Sprint Event

CONQUERING TIME AND JANE DOE SEEM LIKELY DOUBLE COMBINATION

Mr. Treverton's Bid For Graduation On Ebony Idol

By "RAPIER"

The weather looks promising for the resumption of racing to-morrow at the Valley and there are indications that the meeting will attract a very satisfactory attendance.

There are nine events on the programme, the most important of which will be the Australian Ponies Autumn Plate. This is the second race, and it will be contested over the Champions distance by Australian Subscription Ponies of this season.

The rails have been moved from their original position, and the grass track is certainly looking in splendid condition. A new "Spotting Box" has been erected inside the course, just after passing the Black Rock.

We have the same complement of jockeys in our midst, with the exception of Mr. C. Encarnado, the champion jockey, who is still up North and Mr. V. V. Needa, whose return has been delayed.

Race No. 1.—JUNK BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The first race of the day is confined to "D" Class China ponies and will be ridden by Novice jockeys. I don't think we need look beyond the following for the potential winner:

Clowner (Mr. Chattey).
Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood).
Eve of Peace (Mr. K. W. Fung).
Smiling Time (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai).

Sylvandale (Mr. Treverton). Clowner has not had a win at the Valley since it dead-heated with Sylvandale in the Spocho Handicap over six furlongs, but it is at the moment in fine trim and on that account it is fancied in certain quarters. Eve of Hunting has run unplaced on every occasion it has come out, but it has improved a great deal and, with Mr. Wood up, I think it has a good chance of winning. Eve of Peace, also, from the same stable, has been backward in its racing career since the first half of the season, but as it is in very good condition at the moment its chances of a win here are very bright. Smiling Time, which won the "Hunchbacks" Handicap with Mr. Wei up, is also very fit and it may score a win here. Sylvandale, although it has not done anything of note since it dead-

heated with Clowner, will probably give a good account of itself in this race as the pony is looking a picture of fitness after the Summer vacation.

I think the race for the first position will be fought out between the above ponies with Eve of Peace as my fancy.

Race No. 2.—AUSTRALIAN PONIES AUTUMN PLATE: 1-1/4 MILES.

This is the principal event of the day and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of this season. Weight 145 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200.00 or part thereof won in stakes this year. After its record-breaking run in the Whitsun Handicap over the mile, when carrying 163 lbs., Sapper (Mr. Black) has been given top-weight of 165 lbs. to carry, and as it appears to be fitter than before I cannot see anything to beat it with another two lbs. penalty. Australia Dambard (Mr. Wei) was third in the above race, carrying 145 lbs., whereas to-morrow it has to carry another 9 lbs., thus further jeopardising its chances of winning this race, although the pony is very fit. The best it can do is to take second place.

Ambros Curlee (Mr. H. S. Chang) is not looking quite as well as it did when it won the Brisbane Spring Handicap and,

judging from its track performance lately, I am inclined to think it may be unplaced in this race.

Many Thanks has shown improvement after the Summer recess and should not be neglected if sent out here under an experienced jockey. This is the only pony capable of giving Sapper a good fight and it might cause an upset here.

Race No. 3.—ISLAND BAY HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

First section of "C" Class China ponies will be on view in this race, and over this distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters and watch the draw for positions.

Hillsboro Bay which won the Green Island Handicap ridden by Mr. Needa, is the form bet here, and I am given to understand that Mr. Treverton has been given the mount.

Blue Field (Mr. Black), which ran second to the above pony under Mr. Chao will, however, have a say here as the pony has improved greatly. It has an excellent chance of winning its first race.

Musketeer (Mr. Chao) is quite speedy over this distance and, given a good start, it may be well up at the finish. Ohio (Mr. S. L. Sung), which has not done anything of note since it started racing, has been whispered about as the "dark horse" for this race and, if it can produce the form it showed before it went lame after the Hong Kong Derby, it is capable of winning.

Mr. Wei has the choice of Attacking Time and Resisting Time and, as the former pony is carrying top-weight of 168 lbs., I expect him to take out the latter and if that is the case it should not be disregarded as this pony has been galloping well at morning training. Eve of Dancing under Mr. Wood ran a very good second to Possible in the Yangtze Handicap over the mile, and under Mr. Proulx it should be very near if it does not win.

Taxing Master (Mr. B. L. Tao), which was fourth when Ronson won the Green Island Handicap (First section) over the half-mile 170 yards distance, will probably do better here on account of the longer distance.

My nominations are Blue Field to win with Eve of Dancing and Resisting Time fighting it out for second position. As an outsider I suggest Taxing Master.

Race No. 4.—VAUCLOUSE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

This race is confined to "B" Class Australian ponies and, judging from the entries, I don't think I shall be far wrong in saying that the winner will come from one of the following:

A Roaring Time.
Fair Chance.
Happy Landings.
Pumpnickel.
Rowan.
Flying Dutchman.
Derby Day.

A Roaring Time will have Mr. Wei up, and, in view of its light weight, coupled with its fine form at the moment, I consider that it has a good chance of scoring a win here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition. Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), although carrying 160 lbs., is a much better pony than before, and the extra weight should not hamper its chances of winning. Happy Landings (Mr. Davis), which won the Charters Towers Handicap over the half-mile 170 yards distance, is carrying 1 lb. more, but if it can produce its old form I think the extra distance will not stop it from winning.

Pumpnickel, which has been a source of disappointment to the public due to its habit of boring out on rounding the bend, will have a change of jockey in Mr. Chao since winning the Fatsan Tao, and I think it will do better, probably winning. Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is also a danger here as it is in a good condition at the moment and this pony is running well. It must not be disregarded. Flying Dutchman (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which lost to Happy ran unplaced in the Lantao Han-

Landings by a short head in the Charters Towers Handicap, is training in the dark at the moment and has not been seen out on the track since the resumption of training, and it is rumoured that this pony will probably walk away with this race on account of its fitness. I will, however, leave readers to look the pony over in the paddock before making their bets.

Derby Day, under Mr. Hearne, was 1/5th of a second outside record time in the Great Bight Handicap over this distance when carrying 145 lbs., and as it will be in the capable hands of Mr. Chao, and carrying the same weight, it should win if it can return the same time again.

Race No. 5.—TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP: FROM THE 1/2-MILE POST.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be contested by "B" Class China ponies.

Possible (Mr. Tang Man-wai), winner of the Yangtze Handicap over the mile, has again been given top-weight of 168 lbs., and in view of the short distance I think it can be disregarded. Avon (Mr. Black) has again been asked to carry 145 lbs., the same weight when it won the Shing Mun Handicap over six furlongs, but, although this pony is in fine form at the moment, I think the distance is a bit too short for its liking.

The best bet should be Conquering Time (Mr. Wei). I am nominating it on account of its last run when it was defeated by Avon by half a length. This pony has had its weight reduced by 2 lbs., and the distance should suit it to a nicety. Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) is another fast mover over this distance and will probably have a say at the finish if given a run-away start.

Ronson (Mr. Poy) is another pony with a strong recommendation for a win, although it does not look as fit as when it won the Green Island Handicap (First section) over this distance and when it carried top-weight of 168 lbs. To-morrow, with 10 lbs. less to carry, it may strike its old form, in which case it will give Conquering Time a good run for first position.

Smashing Through (Mr. H. S. Chang) is very lightly treated—it has to carry 140 lbs.—and on that account it may be near at the finish.

Race No. 6.—GOSFORD HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

The contenders in this race are "C" Class Australian ponies, and it is no easy problem to spot the ultimate winner.

Much is expected from Centre Court (Mr. S. L. Sung), winner of the Bondi Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, but it will find 165 lbs. too heavy for it and the best it can do will be to place. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy), which won the Moreton Bay Handicap over the mile, has its weight unaltered, and, judging from that run, it must stand a good chance of winning here.

There is Income Tax (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with, however, as this pony has had its weight reduced 5 lbs. since its second placing behind Piccadilly Jim in the above race, and as it will have a change in the jockey department it will probably reverse its last defeat. Brown Derby has been penalised 10 lbs. for winning the Carpenteria Handicap over the mile, but as it will again be handled by Mr. Black it will probably be near at the finish. Breton, if again ridden by Mr. Chattey, will have 5 lbs. allowance, and if he can hold the pony until the last quarter as he did on the last occasion, when he won the WallSEND Handicap over this distance, it may win again.

Race No. 7.—ISLAND BAY. HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by second section "C" Class China ponies.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Needa) has been given top-weight of 165 lbs., a source of disappointment to the public due to its habit of boring out on rounding the bend. Will Time (Mr. Chao), has not won a race since winning the Fatsan Tao, and I think it will do better, probably winning. Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is also a danger here as it is in a good condition at the moment and this pony is running well. It must not be disregarded. Flying Dutchman (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which lost to Happy ran unplaced in the Lantao Han-

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discap, ridden by Mr. Sung over the two mile post distance, should do better here and can be depended on to make a good fight of it. It will not surprise me at all to see it win.

Victoria (Mr. H. C. Pih) is another one to watch as this pony is improving, and a win is not beyond its capabilities. Silver Wings (Mr. H. S. Chang), Soldier of Britain, and Strathbannock are also likely winners as they are in very good condition.

RACE NO. 8. PORT PHILLIP HANDICAP: FROM THE 1/2 MILE POST.

This is a sprint event and is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies, and over this distance the best thing to do is look for the draw for positions as a good start will probably win the race. Sea Urchin, which came third in the Moreton Bay Handicap under Mr. H. M. Botelho over the mile, is at present fighting fit and, as Mr. Ip Kui-ying is riding the pony to-morrow, it has a chance of winning.

A Green Time will be taken out by Mr. Proulx and as the distance suits the pony I am confident that it will score its first win here.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) is another likely winner although it did nothing of note during the first half of the season, and it should not be disregarded. This pony was regarded as a classy animal before it developed leg trouble. Poconos (Mr. Davis) is fast over sprint distances and this combination may be worth following. Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) will have an allowance of 5 lbs. and, carrying the light impost of 130 lbs., its chances of causing an upset here seem bright in view of its fine form at the moment.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) is another pony which should bear watching as this animal has been quietly trained at Fanling, and just how good it is I am unable to say, but from what I have seen of it at morning exercises this pony is tuned up for action, and a win here is possible.

RACE NO. 9. JUNK BAY HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

This is the last race of the day and is confined to second section "D" Class China ponies, which will again be ridden by Novice jockeys.

Bressay (Mr. Chattey) has been given top-weight of 168 lbs., and for that reason it should be left alone. Double Chance (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) won the Park Kap Chow Handicap with Mr. Chao up at Macao last Sunday and has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. as a result. It will now have to shoulder 166 lbs. instead of 149 lbs. In view of its easy win, however, I think it has a grand opportunity of winning again to-morrow. Ebony Idol (Mr. Treverton) is very lightly treated and should stand a good chance of winning, and this will pass the jockey out of the Novice Class as he needs only one more win to graduate.

Emergency Call (Mr. S. W. Lee) has shown improvement and should be near at the finish. Gold Coin (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), which came in third to Talkative, is also looking well and will probably be placed. Golden Cow, which will be ridden by its new owner, Mr. K. W. Fung, for the first time, may with a little luck give him a win. Piet Hein (Mr. H. A. de Botelho) is at the moment looking fit, but as the distance may not suit it I think its chances of winning are not too rosy.

Valorous (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) can be depended on to give the above a good fight as this pony is a free mover and once it takes a lead it will be hard to catch it. This pony is getting old however, and I doubt its ability to win.

SING TAO BEAT NAVY

Sing Tao beat Royal Navy by 5 goals to 3 in a friendly soccer game at Causeway Bay yesterday. Navy fielded practically a new team and gave every indication of doing well in the League this season.

Lai Shut-wing (3) Tung King-cheong, and Ip Pak-wah scored for Sing Tao and Breeze, Hendy and Allison for Navy.

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Record-Shattering 880 Yards By Chan Chun-Nam At V.R.C.

Miss Doreen Weir's Brilliant Last Lap

MISS HO AGAIN EXTENDS THE CHAMPION

By "Referee"

COVERING THE FIRST quarter of a mile in a second over record time, Chan Chun-nam, holder, smashed the record for the 880 yards championship when he clipped 32-2/5 seconds off W. Lawrence's 1935 mark to win in 11 minutes 15-3/5 seconds.

Charles Huang was drawn in fine match. The teams, representing the same heat and for the first time of the Combined Chinese 12 lengths the two swimmers and Combined foreign clubs were kept together. At the 14th Chan selected at a meeting yesterday began drawing away and at the 20th was leading Huang by three-quarters of the length of the bath; at the 24th this lead had been increased to one and a half lengths of the bath. At the 28th, Chan was two lengths ahead and both he and Huang swam together for a while before Chan again drew away. Chan swam at a consistent pace and his times were:—over the first 100 yards 1.07, and at 220 yards 2.38.

Ng Nin, with a his usual apparently effortless glide, won the other heat in 12 mins 19 secs, but as he was not going all out a better time is expected in the final. Mak Wai-ming also in this heat led over the first 100 yards and kept the lead till the 250 mark when Ng drew level. Ng then took the lead and by the next 100 yards was leading by a length. Mak Wai-ming gave up at the 20th length.

Brilliant Last Lap

In the first heat for the Women's 100 yards free style, Doreen Weir, as the result of a brilliant last lap, won with Miss F. Lopes second.

Miss P. Sadick also did well as she finished the 50 yards first and went ahead in the next length only to be just beaten by Miss Lopes for second place.

But, for two bad turns—Miss J. Anderson would have done better in the other heat, which was won by Miss V. Churn.

The champion was given a great race by Miss Ho Wai-king, who, as in the 50 yards, challenged strongly in the last lap but just failed to catch the judges' eye.

Comparative Times

The following are the comparative times over the 880 yards.

Ng Nin	Chan Chun-nam
220 2 mins. 45 secs.	2 mins. 36 secs.
440 5 mins. 53 secs.	5 mins. 27 secs.
880 12 mins. 19 secs.	11 mins. 15 3/5 secs.

RESULTS

LADIES' 100 YARDS FREE-STYLE

Heat No. 1:—1, Miss Doreen Weir; 2, Miss Irene Lopes. Time: 74 4/5 secs.

Heat No. 2:—1, Miss Vivienne Churn; 2, Miss Ho Wai-king; 3, Miss Jacqueline Anderson. Time: 73 1/5 secs.

MEN'S 880 YARDS FREE-STYLE

Heat No. 1:—Ng Nin; 2, Lau Tai-ping. Time: 12 mins. 19 secs.

Heat No. 2:—1, Chan Chun-nam; 2, Charles Huang; 3, Yau Sai-kwan. Time: 11 mins. 15 3/5 secs. (Colony record).

WATER-POLO TEAMS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "ADREM"

The one item on the programme for the forthcoming swimming championships required to complete what should be three days of splendid swimming fare is a water-polo match.

This has now been arranged for the last day of the championship gala, Saturday, and should be a

NO HOCKEY INTERPORT

That the interport and tournament be dropped this season was suggested by Mr. A. A. Dand, President, at the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association yesterday, owing to the probable inability of civilian clubs to put up the teams owing to Volunteer duties and the fact that the Navy would be an uncertain factor.

Another suggestion was the enlargement of the triangular tournament — at present confined to Army, Navy and Hong Kong Hockey Club — to include civilian teams. After a long discussion it was decided to leave the matter to the Council.

Officers elected were:
President:—Mr. A. A. Dand.
Vice-Presidents:—Rev. J. R. Higgs (Civilian) and Capt. Cartwright-Taylor (Army).
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. D. T. Smith.
Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. A. M. Xavier.
Council:—Sgt. W. Rothwell, J. Gonçalves, V. M. Benwell and K. Hussain.

Benn (Eur. "Y") and A. J. Hussain (V.R.C.); W. Lawrence (V.R.C.); R. Goldman (Eur. "Y") D. H. Taylor (V.R.C.) and E. F. Paul (Eur. "Y"). Reserve: E. W. Railton.

PILE DOES VERY WELL

By "Skip"

Prison Officers, although they managed to beat Kowloon Football Club at Chatham Road were rather disappointing, I thought, and I expected them to win by more.

I may mention, in parentheses, that my disappointment was magnified by the fact that I had drawn them in the sweep! Smalley got his usual win but had to fight hard for it against Walter Bagley, but Albert Jillett—I've got both names right this time — just managed to beat Jim Smith in a low-scoring game and thereby became champion skip of this division.

It was Tom Pile who really won the game, though, as he had the measure of Evans from the beginning and finished up nearly a dozen to the good.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club

POLICE LOSE WILSON

(By "Scrum-Half")

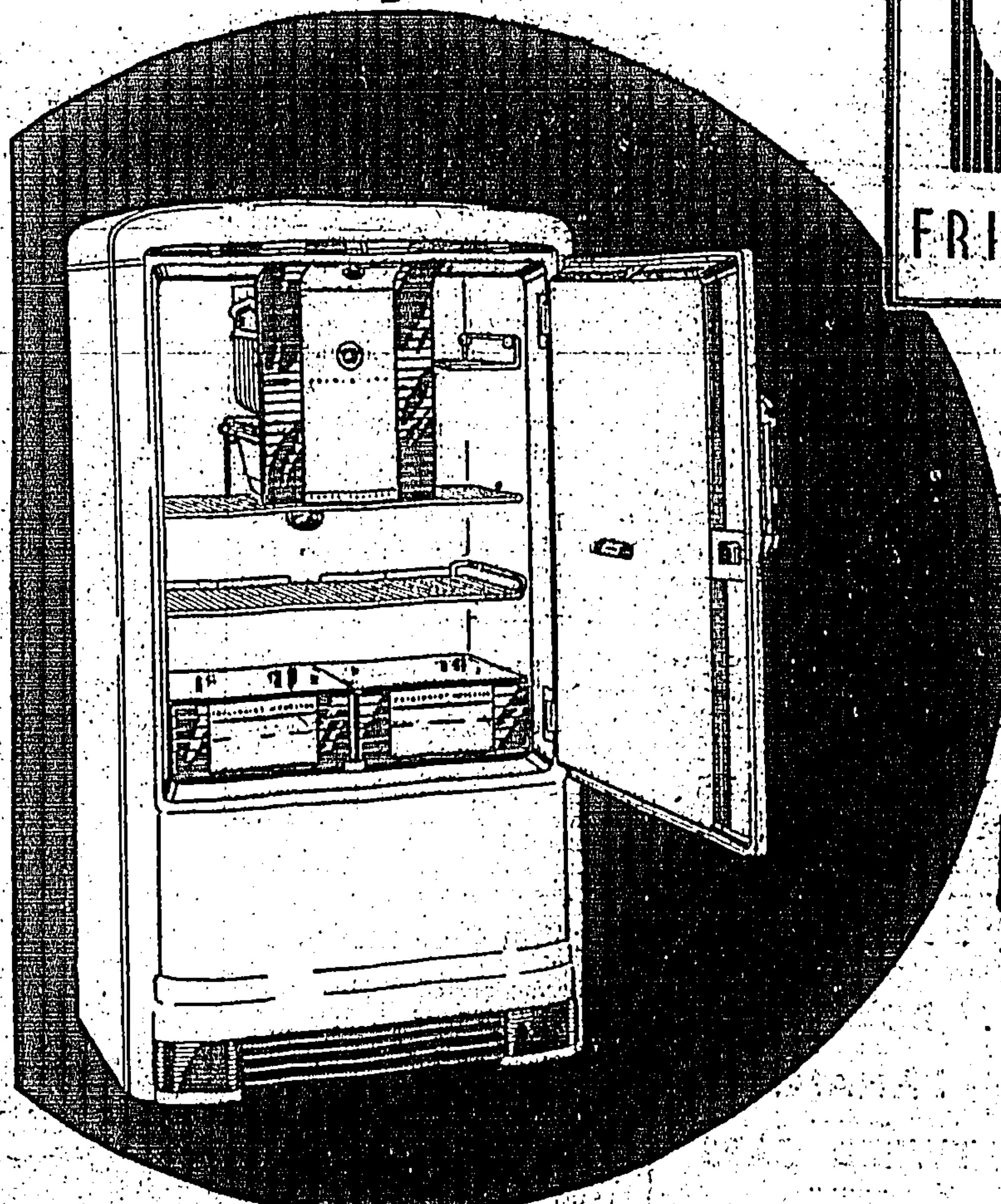
G. S. Wilson, Police Rugby captain, is at present in Hospital and is unlikely to play this season.

E. C. Luscombe, who was reported earlier to be unavailable, will now be playing and will assume the duties of captain.

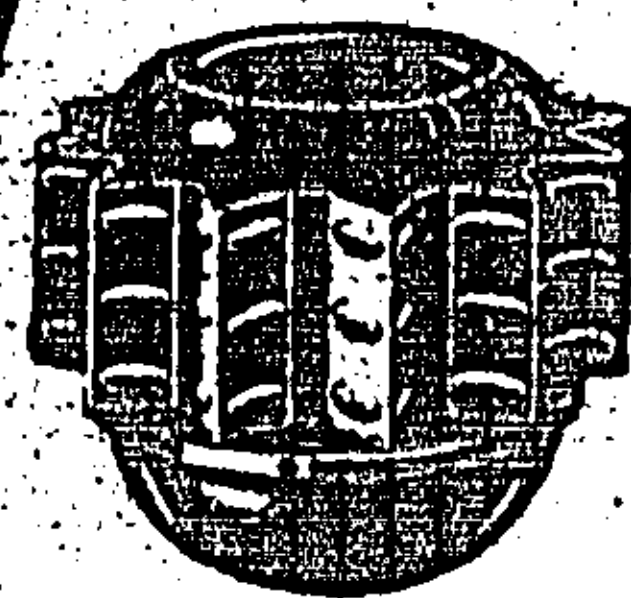
beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club by a dozen, thanks largely to Peckham, who after a poor start against Cassidy, recovered well. He was down 2-12 at one period of the game, but eventually won by 26-16 which was pretty good going.

Herbie Bicknell played well when the revival set in whilst the home skip was also quite useful. K. C. Hamilton, in spite of making every effort to lose by giving shots away at the last three heads, just got the better of Cornhill for whom G. G. Aitkenhead — son of the Aitkenhead — turned out as lead. Edgar Abraham secured his first win at the expense of Johnny Dinnen though it was admittedly only by a singleton.

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A vivid account of a successful attack on the Dodecanese Islands was given in Cairo yesterday by one of the British pilots engaged.

He said: "We set out on a bright moonlight night and had a most comfortable trip. Our targets were easy to find; mine was Rhodes, and I saw my stick of bombs explode across the aerodrome at Calato. Fires broke out in hangars in Maritza.

"None of our aircraft was hit. Other fellows went to the naval and seaplane base in Porto Lago Bay at Leros. The first stick of bombs caused heavy explosions, evidently an ammunition store, and a petrol dump, because a fire followed which spread along the coast for over a mile.

"There was a direct hit on the power station and a second stick of bombs fell on the seaplane base.

Six Tons Of Bombs

"A third attack was made on the naval barracks across the Bay. Altogether we dropped six tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs on these targets and all pilots are agreed that very considerable damage was caused.

"Since the chaps in Rhodes and Leros were those who raided Tel-

Point Blank Shelling Of Road

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY SAYS THE INITIAL REPORT FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, INDICATES THAT UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY CONTINUE TO HARRY THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE FROM LIBYA.

On the night of September 17 one of our naval units bombarded the coast road to Sollum at close range. Simultaneously other units attack an enemy concentration at Sidi-el-Barrani.

The C-in-C. Mediterranean reports that both these bombardments appeared to have considerable success.

Ben Ghazi was attacked by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm on September 16. During this attack a merchantship was set on fire, a destroyer probably sunk and several other ships damaged.

An Italian communique admitted that a "torpedo-boat and pontoon have been sunk and a few fires started at Ben Ghazi."

Aviv it was with more than usual pleasure that we went on this raid."—Reuter.

Concurrently with these operations off the Libyan coast naval operations have been carried out in other areas. In the course of these operations no enemy naval forces could be located.—Reuter.

Cairo Communique

The naval attack was announced yesterday by the Egyptian Premier and is admitted in an Italian communique.

A Cairo communique, describing the bombing, says that bombs hit many Italian gun emplacements. Further back, behind the Italian lines, the R.A.F. started up 10 fires among enemy transport at Bug-Bug, the dried up well between Sollum and Sidi-el-Barrani.

On Monday night, R.A.F. bombers flew 250 miles across Libya to attack the important military aerodrome at Ben Ghazi, where several hangars were destroyed and a number of planes set on fire.

An Italian communique yesterday admitted that damage was done.

The R.A.F. have shot down an Italian flying-boat in the Mediterranean.

One of our ships rescued the crew.—Reuter.

No Change

A communique issued in Cairo yesterday stated there is no change in the situation in Egypt. The enemy continues to consolidate his positions in the Sidi-el-Barrani and Sollum areas.

There is nothing to report from other positions.—Reuter.

Italian Communique

Yesterday's Italian High Command communique admitted intense action by British naval forces and the R.A.F.

British naval units, says the communique, started a bombardment of Italian troops in the coastal zone between Bardia (Libya) and Sidi-el-Barrani (Egypt). The communique claims that the Italian air force intervened and that a British cruiser was hit in the subsequent action.

The Italian High Command states the British carried out aerial action in the Tobruk zone and against Bomba and Benghazi in Libya, causing damage and losses. It also states that British aircraft attacked Rhodes and Leros, where many fires were started by bombs.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

It is reliably learned that the Japanese yesterday presented the Indo-China Government with new demands following the conclusion of the agreement to allow Japanese troops passage through Indo-China to the Chinese border. Admiral De Caux, it is reported, rejected the demands, hence the sudden activity in Tokyo and the order by the Consul-General in Hanoi to Japanese civilians.

There is still no authoritative confirmation of an ultimatum.

A direct hit from an A.A. gun brought down a Nazi bomber in south-west London early this morning. The plane exploded on crashing after narrowly missing a hospital and demolished a house. One of the crew baled out and was captured.—Reuter.

The full Egyptian Cabinet met in Cairo yesterday and adjourned till to-day.—Reuter.

News received in Cairo this morning from Syria indicates the Syrians' increasing enmity towards the Italian armistice commission. The Arabic news agency, Agence d'Orient, learns on good authority in Syria that the Government of Iraq has actively intervened in Syrian affairs and has submitted a Note to the Vichy Government embodying certain demands, including restoration of constitutional life in Syria and Lebanon.—Reuter.

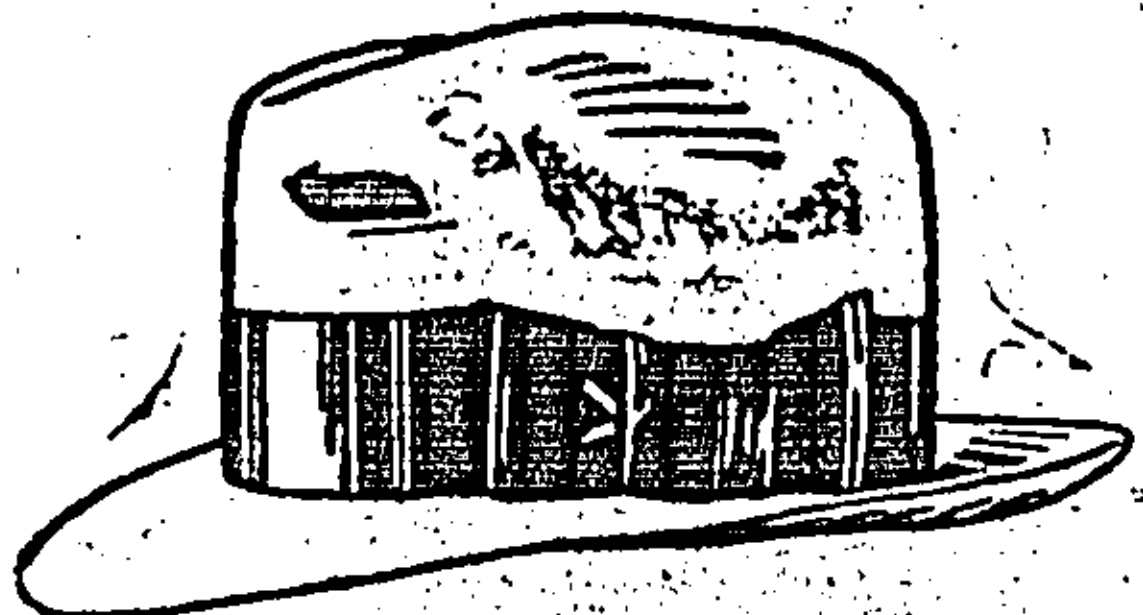


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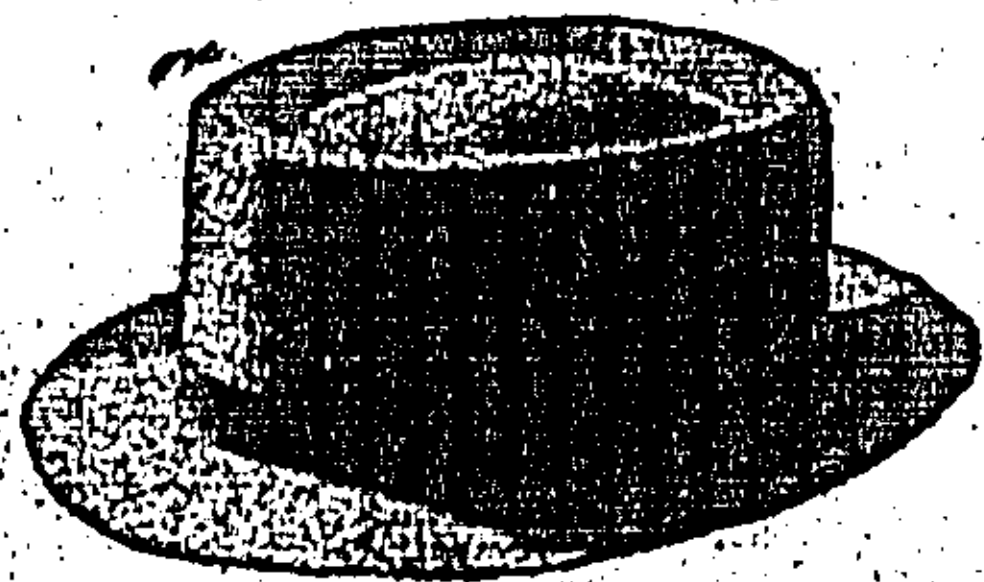


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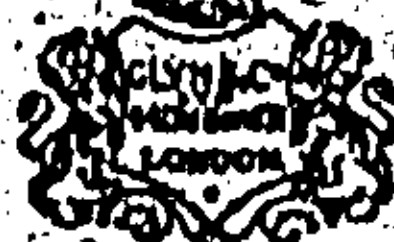


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Shek-O Cocktails



Officers of the H.K.V.D.C. entertained members of the Mobile Unit, Nursing Detachment, to a cocktail party at Shek-O last week, when the above photograph was taken. (King's Studio).

(Right)—The Goscombe-O'Sullivan Competition—P.W.D. "C" meet Prison "B".



C.S.O. and P.W.D. bowlers taken during their Goscombe-O'Sullivan Competition encounter.



The Committee of the Boys and Girls Club Association snapped at the V.R.C. Seated in centre is Sir Robert Kotewall.



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SHORT STORY

Chance Or Design?

By
Frank Weston

"THERE are queerer things in heaven and earth, Thursby, than are dreamt of in your philosophy," misquoted the man from the Congo, who had been yarning of African witchcraft.

Thursby stretched his huge limbs, and grinned cynically. "But they've all got natural explanations—what do you say, Clinton?"

"Well, I'm for the open mind," answered Clinton. "There certainly are plenty of mysteries—I suppose biggest of all is life itself."

"Mine's no mystery," retorted Thursby. "It's simply due to a marriage that took place forty years ago."

"That's mere biology," objected the Congo man, "and doesn't explain in the least what life really is—you can't tell us that!"

"I reckon it's simply being alive—and you'd do well to get that magic stuff out of your mind, my lad! You'll be swallowing the heaven and hell dope next!"

"Oh, I'm no dogmatist. I'm like Clinton—open to argument. Which reminds me that last Sunday I went to a spiritualist meeting."

"What!" sneered Thursby. "Holding hands with old women in a dark room?"

"Nothing of the kind! There was a big crowd—no hand-holding, and no darkness."

"Tell us more," suggested Clinton.

Clinton—but the man from the Congo shook his head and got up. "Not now—I'm going to eat. Are you fellows dining here?"

"I had lunch very late," replied Clinton. "Couldn't face any more food yet."

"Nor I," said Thursby. "But what the devil can one do on a Sunday night?"

"You might do worse than go to the spirits," offered the Congo man—who left them as soon as he had answered Clinton's questions as to the hour and place of the meeting.

"I shall go there," decided Clinton. "I've never seen anything of that sort."

"It's a waste of time, anyhow—what about a pub-crawl?"

"No, thanks!"

"Then I guess I'll go with you—better than mooning about alone."

This decision did not please Clinton, for there was no friendship between them, though they had known each other in South Africa, whence Clinton was home on leave, and having met again at the club, and being more or less solitary in London, had spent odd hours together during the last few weeks.

Now as they strolled through the West End, speaking but little, Clinton's thoughts went back to the Vaal River diamond diggings where he had tried his luck during a month's local holiday, and where he had first met his present companion. Even in that rough environment Thursby, with his great physical strength, his brute courage, his relentless nature, had been a man much more feared than liked.

Among other exploits, he had killed a Dutchman in what the court had ruled was self-defence, but there were varying views among the diggers about that. Clinton recalled, too, his surprise at Thursby's marriage to an English girl who had come out to the Transvaal on a visit. A girl of culture and in every way desirable, who had seemingly been blinded by the looks and virile qualities of the man who sought her.

For a while they had lived in Johannesburg, where Clinton was employed, and he had come to like Jess Thursby, and to sympathise with her. Though she was brave about it, he knew she was having a bad time, and was not surprised when she left her husband and fled to England. But all that was years ago. He had lost touch with Jess, and Thursby never spoke a word of her. Doubtless he had divorced her. Under South African law, desertion was a sufficient—

"This looks like the spook-show," said Thursby. A minute or so later they were seated in the rapidly filling hall, where the great organ was being played to pass the time of waiting. Clinton was impressed by the size of the congregation. He had always imagined the cult rather as Thursby had, as being carried on in out-of-the-way places in an atmosphere of darkness, with its concomitant suggestion of trickery.

"Must be at least two thousand people here," he remarked.

"A credulous mob," answered Thursby.

"They look pretty normal—hullo, here come the principals!" Two men and the woman medium now came on to the platform, and the service began. A prayer for peace was offered to the Eternal Spirit. A hymn was sung, followed by a bible-reading and a restrained and beautiful chanting of the Lord's Prayer.

The address, given by a man prominent in civil life, stressed the ignobility of purely material living, and the true happiness to be found in spiritual things. Spiritualism was a creed that gave proofs, affirmed the orator. Proofs through mediums who were attuned by nature and training to vibrations beyond the receptivity of the average human being.

This he had no doubt would be demonstrated by the medium with them to-night, who would endeavour to describe, and transmit messages from friends who had passed on, "but who are much more alive than we are—who are here with us at this very instant!"

His peroration was a cry of faith, a cry of what to him was certainty—"There is no death!" "Working up the atmosphere!" commented Thursby. The chairman announced that the clairvoyance would now be given. The medium rose, advanced to the edge of the platform, and pointed to a spot near where Clinton and Thursby were seated.

"I want that gentleman there, with a light suit on—will you raise your hand, please? No—not you, sir. Just behind." Another hand went up. "That's right! Listen, sir—there's a lady standing beside you. I should say about sixty years old. I get the impression that she passed over about seven years ago—suddenly. She has a broad forehead, an aquiline nose, grey hair brushed straight back."

The description continued in great detail. "I get a name like Hetherington. And Joan—or Jean. From the hushed assembly, the man's quiet but distinct reply, "That's my mother—Jean Hetherington!" drew a soft, faint sound, like a deep breath taken.

"She's up here on the platform now!" resumed the medium, who was walking to and fro, making gestures and uttering noises as though to some unseen presence with her. "Yes, yes, all right—I'll tell him."

"Is your name Arthur, sir?" "Yes!" "Accomplice!" muttered Thursby.

the medium. Tell my son he is not to worry about Alice. Is that clear to you?"

"I have a sister called Alice." "And you've been troubled about her affairs, haven't you?"

"I have!" "Well, your mother says she is helping you, and all will come right soon. Tell him I'm very happy," she says, "and that I'm with Richard." Do you know who she refers to?"

"Her brother." "Good!"

The medium turned next to a woman in another part of the hall, and minutely described a young girl whose spirit she alleged to be present. "My daughter!" said the woman, when the details had been given. She, too, received a message.

Clinton listened in growing astonishment while some eight or nine people were dealt with in this way, the accuracy of the particulars given being in each case remarkable. Having learnt that these meetings were held every week, he could scarcely credit the theory of collusion.

Knavery of that kind would necessitate a large number of accomplices, would be in constant danger of exposure, and he did not see what object it could have.

The appearance and responses of the people addressed had the air of genuineness, as did the medium herself, even when she was ostensibly exchanging rapid words with visitors from the unknown. Once or twice there seemed to be sounds like mystic voices, answering hers.

Explain it how you would, there was food for wonder. Here was in function some notable phenomenon. Here you were treading the frontiers of the shadowy world beyond, seeking to pierce the veil of the infinite, probing the ineffable problem of survival. Often as he had dwelt on that arcanum, never had its solemnity, its immensity, gripped him as in this moment.

Who could be sure that the notion of an after-life, so strongly held by mankind since the birth of history, was not well founded? Who could assert that in this baffling universe there were not beings so spiritually perfect as to shame our grossness? Beings that for want of a better word we called spirits, and who were able to—

"My God!" exclaimed Thursby.

Clinton turned sharply. His companion was gazing rigidly at a man leaning forward in the front row of the balcony—to whom the medium gave the description of an elderly man, and the name of Fleming. "Do you follow, sir?"

"Yes—it's my father!"

"He says that years ago you did a thing that the world would condemn, but that you believed right and honourable. He is here beside me now! (All right, all right—give me time!) He's saying, 'Tell him that very soon there will be no more danger—neither to him nor his wife and children.' He doesn't tell me what the danger is—but you know, don't you?"

"Yes!" "When the clairvoyance was over, and the concluding hymn had been sung, Clinton was surprised at the haste with which Thursby tried to get out of the hall. But in that crowd, speed was impossible, and it took them some time to get to the outer exit, where Thursby stopped and stood scanning the faces of the departing people.

"What's the idea of waiting here?" asked Clinton. "Just having a look at these guys," growled the other, and he refused to go until he was assured that none of the public remained.

"I recognised a fellow inside," he then explained. "He must have slipped out darned quick, confound him! . . . let's go and have a spot."

In the bar they went to, Thursby, who rapidly consumed several drinks, ridiculed the meeting they had come from, insisting that it was based on deception, or at best on telepathy. Clinton's non-committal answers appeared to irritate him, and at length he declared he could prove the whole thing to be nonsense.

"How?" "Because of that chap in the balcony. She told him the danger he was in is nearly past. That's ed him."

rot—the truth is the other way round!"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that I'm the danger!—And instead of disappearing I've just turned up! I'm going to make it hot for that bird—he's Fleming, the swine who stole Jess from me!"

"You are certain?"

"Dead sure!—I haven't seen him for years, but I'd know him in a million. Now I've found him at last he's going to pay, believe me! If they've married, it was bigamy—and if they've got kids, they're illegitimate! That'll be interesting to their friends, won't it?"

"Let's get out of here," proposed Clinton.

"So you didn't divorce her," he said as soon as they were in the street.

"No, and never will! She's mine by law, and I'm going to get her back—she's the only woman I ever cared a curse for!"

"It seems to me," reasoned Clinton, "that if you cared very deeply you'd leave her alone."

"Bosh!" "Thanks!—How do you know she's living with Fleming now?"

"Of course she is—what that medium woman said fitted it too well!"

"But you don't believe in mediums."

"No, I don't—but that one made a lucky guess."

"Anyway, you've let it go on so long—way stay it now?"

"I couldn't quit Africa till I struck that big stone. Didn't even know where they were. But I've got 'em now—and if I don't get Jess back, God help Fleming!"

"If you see him again."

"He'll turn up at that show, right enough. And I'll fix him—no man ever put anything over me without paying for it!"

Clinton lay long awake that night, pondering the threatened disaster, and surprised—seeing that Jess had been so long out of his life—at the strength of his desire to avert it. It might be, he thought, due to some reaction from the meeting upon a susceptible mind—but it was as though some other will, some inscrutable, inexorable force were urging him to intervene.

Before going to sleep, he decided to try a newspaper advertisement with the object of getting into touch with Jess and Fleming.

But no response had come by the following Saturday—on which day he lunched with the man from the Congo, to whom he told in confidence what had passed, in the hope of eliciting some useful suggestion.

"I don't like it," he concluded. "Thursby's an extremely dangerous man—I must do my damndest to warn them, even now."

"No harm in trying," answered the other. "But," he went on, "perhaps it won't be necessary."

"Why not?" "Well, in my observation, crises like this are often taken out of our hands and settled by—by what one might call a higher power."

"Now you say that, I'll confess I've had a sort of hope that the medium's message would turn out to be true. Still, it seems so incredible—such a faint chance."

"Chance?—I wonder, Clinton, whether our lives are really ruled by chance, or by design?"

On the Sunday evening, Clinton, who had not seen Thursby all the week, arrived outside the hall well before the meeting was due to begin. He was far from sure that he would recognise Fleming, unless Jess was with him; but he believed, he would know again despite the length of time since he had seen her. He watched from an obscure spot as possible, partly hiding his face with a newspaper.

If they came early, he might be able to get them away before Thursby turned up. It was an optimistic idea, he reflected, and there was, of course, no certainty that they would come at all on this particular—

Yes—there they were! In that brilliant lamp-light, Jess was unmistakable.

He hastened across the road to meet them, but as he reached the opposite curb a voice behind him called out "Clinton!"

He swung round just in time to see Thursby dodge a bus and run into the overtaking car that killed her.

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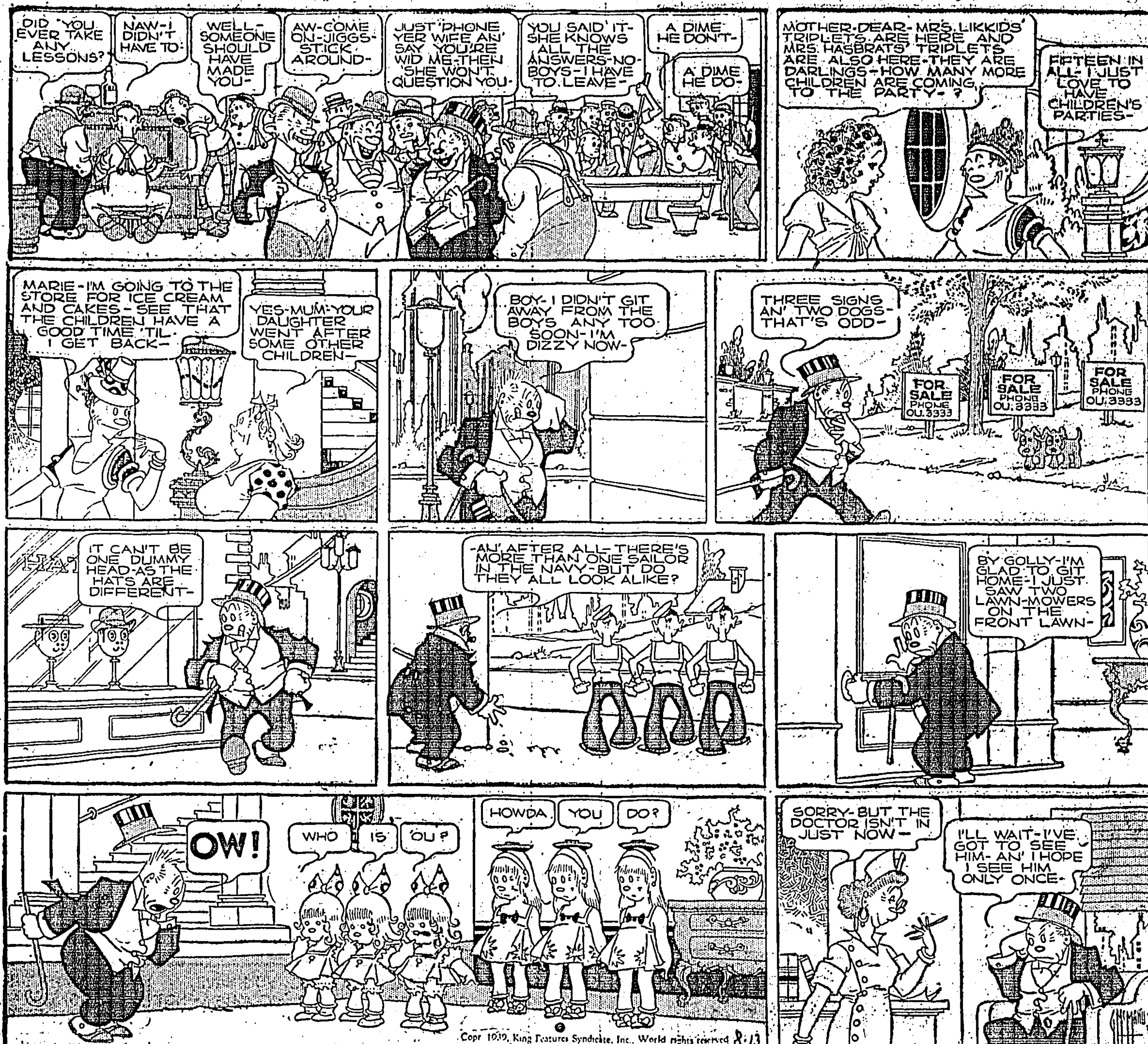
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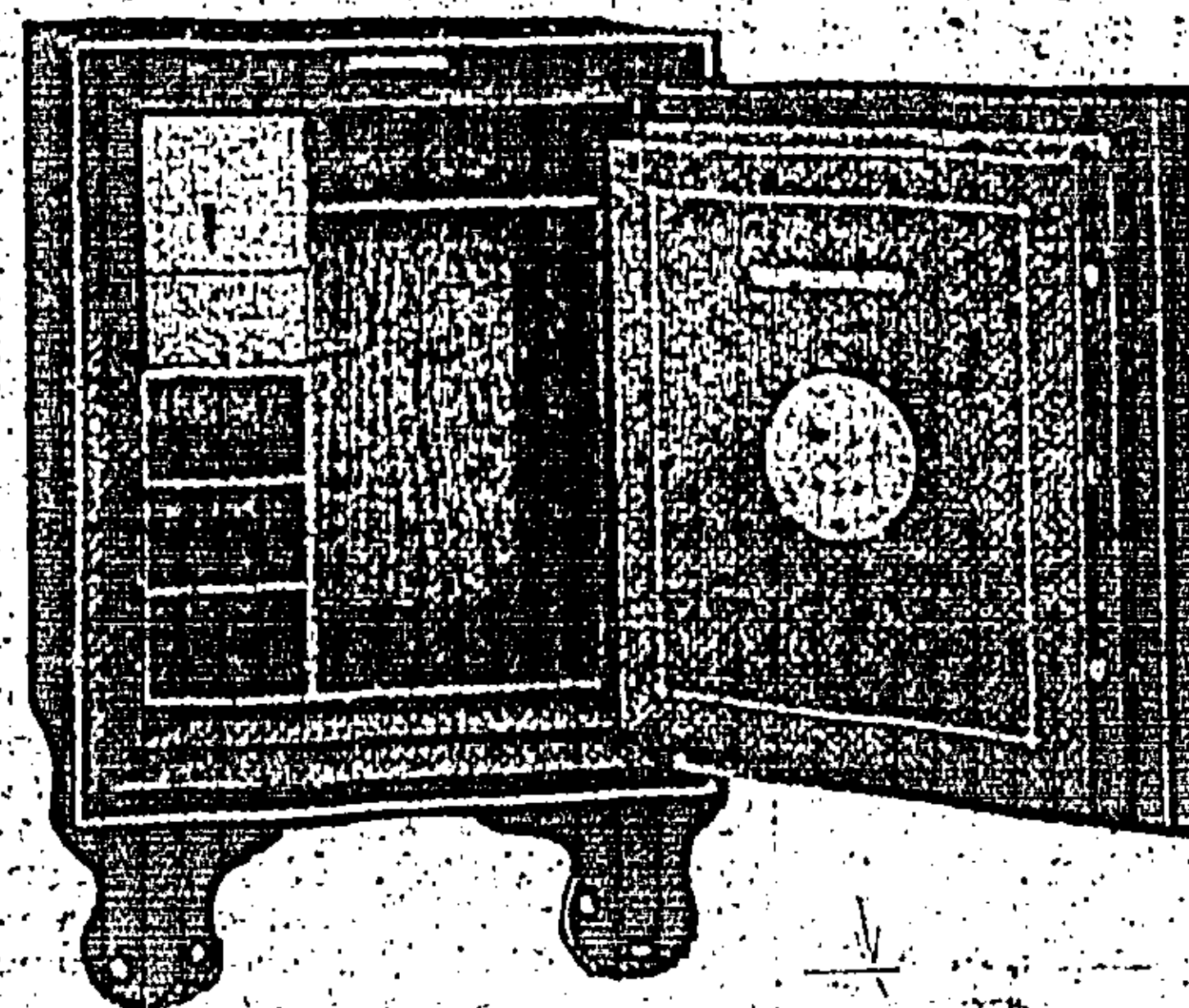
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"It remained only for the company commanders to bring their companies safely to the River Seine through country known to be occupied by enemy elements, liable to sudden attack, and subject to the closest scrutiny by enemy aircraft by day."

So runs the quiet sentence which introduces the official report of the movement of a small force of infantry in Northern France during two June days which must have been amongst the most harassing in British military history.

There is much virtue in that word "only". Newcomb's Rifles, commanded by Lieut-Col. L. E. C. Perowne of the Royal Engineers, were a scratch lot hastily got together from base depots to face dangers which were all the more daunting because their shape loomed vaguely through the fog of war. The battalion, numbering fewer than 800 men, were as near destruction as the crew of a skiff which plunges down the side of a great wave while the crest curls overhead before it engulfs them.

They saved themselves by discipline and energy, holding together through the hurry and bewilderment, each man playing his part, sure that his pals would play theirs. Their cohesion was all the more remarkable since many of them had been tired out already in the fighting retreat from the Somme.

Soldierly Stubbornness

After their disheartening experience of the German breakthrough, men from 33 units assembled at a moment's notice in a battalion with no past and no

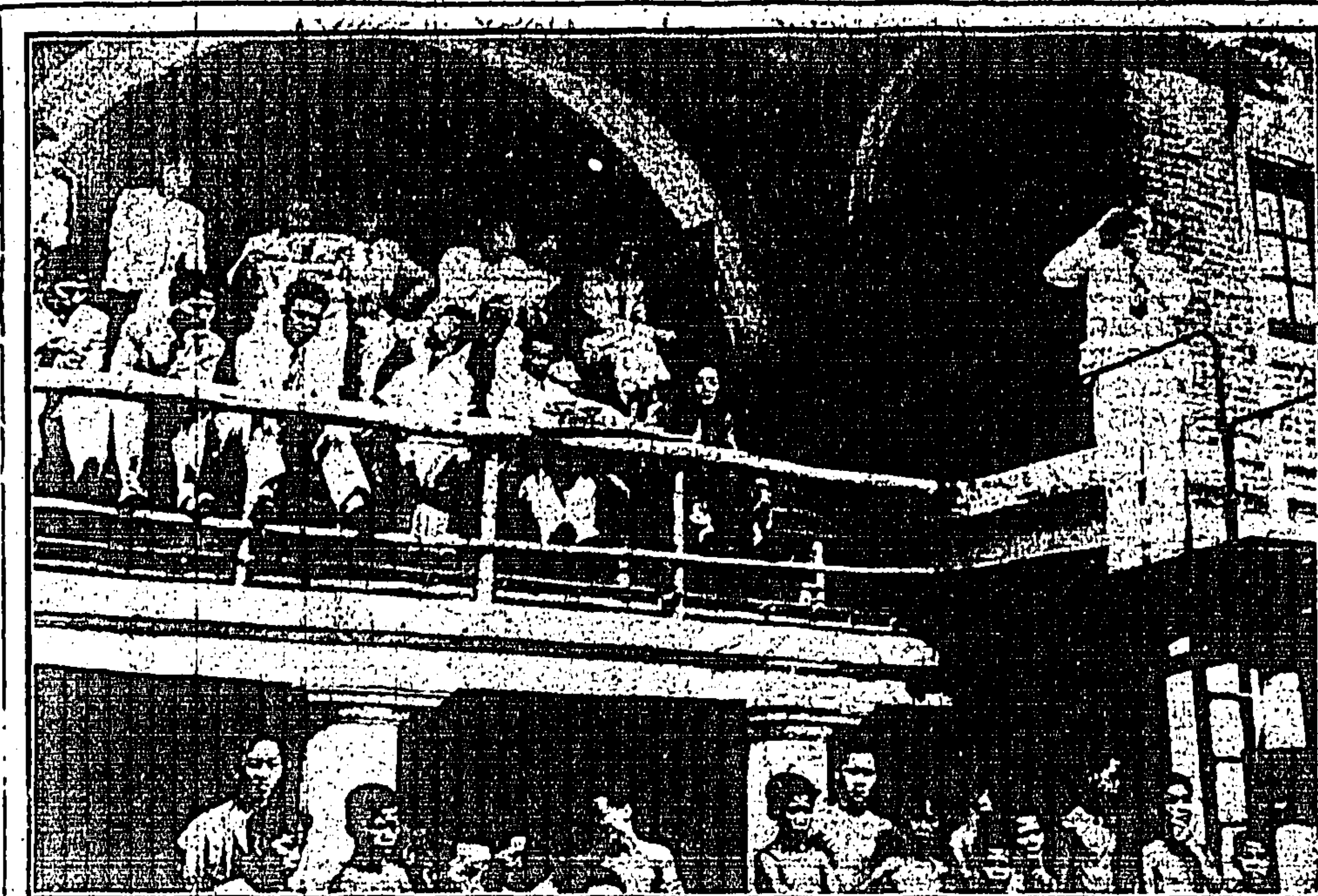
future, yet one which at once developed a spirit of its own — the soldierly stubbornness to succeed in one of the most difficult of military operations. In 40 hours on June 8, 9, and 10, they moved 40 miles through difficult country, ill-equipped to deal with enemy aircraft and pressed upon their front and flanks by enemy tanks which threatened to cut their line of retreat.

The story begins further back than the 40 hours. From first to last its period is a month. On May 19 a force known as "Vickforce" was improvised to check the German advance along the Channel coast of France. If Dieppe and Le Havre and Rouen were to be saved, a solid obstacle had to be built between the Somme and the Seine.

The bridges and crossings over the Bethune river and the wooded ridge on its left or south-western bank defined a suitable position, running roughly parallel to the two greater rivers, nearer to the German bridgehead of the Somme at Abbeville than to the French supply centre on the Seine at Rouen, served by a network of main and secondary roads which enter from many points between the south-east and the north-west.

But the creation of a solid obstacle was not possible. Vickforce was far too weak for the task. In its first form it was made up of five provisional battalions of not more than 350 men each; after ten days it became Beauman Division of three battalions, which were about twice as strong. Newcomb's Rifles were one of the three.

They mined bridges, erected wide obstacles, built road blocks, concealed anti-tank rifles and



Taken at the V.R.C. last Saturday when children of the Boys and Girls Club Association — comprised of the Colony's poor children — held a Swimming Gala.

Bren guns in strong emplacements, and set up sandbag figures wearing steel helmets and armed with tent poles in other, dummy emplacements.

It remained one of the regrets of the men who had lavished their fancy and their skill on constructing spoof soldiers and sham defences, that they were not allowed to stay and see how the Germans fell into their traps.

All the time they were building their defences, day and night, without intermission, there poured over them refugees and troops and military transport, escaping from the Germans who had broken through at Abbeville and Amiens.

News Out Of The Dark

From May 19 until June 8, the gallant British "oddments" along the Bethune river stood alone between Rouen and the confused battle on the Somme. They were subjected to air bombing every day. German armoured vehicles and motorised infantry often approached their line but always withdrew without an attack. In front all was obscure. Fighting was going on continuously; daily the enemy were coming nearer. That was all the command could be sure of.

Regular patrols were sent out far to the eastward, but nothing was learnt which showed whether the German onslaught was to be expected in ten days or ten hours.

On June 7, the situation was grave. A scheme of withdrawal in small parties, moving independently through the broken wooded country to the ferries over the Seine west of Rouen, was worked out in careful detail. It was given the code name "Robin Hood", and late the following afternoon the order went out to the companies: "Robin Hood, blow all bridges and craters before leaving. Take particular care against air observation. No special hurry."

The Retreat Begins

In the evening of June 9, as the British began to approach the river, the Germans were in Rouen and were sending out northward mobile columns of tanks and truck-borne infantry to cut off the retreat.

Through The Wreckage

The small river towns of Caudébec and Duclair were choked with wreckage, human and material. Duclair had been bombed and was in flames. Dense smoke from oil burning in the great tanks on the river drifted low across the woods to join other smoke clouds in the north.

In these perplexing conditions the battalion commander set out in his car to find C. Company who were nearest Rouen and therefore in most peril. He found their headquarters in a

village in the woods and carried them in several journeys to the riverside at Fontaine.

On his last journey, unable to see in the gathering dark and yet not daring to use his lights, he ran into a concertina wire. German tanks were lying up for the night behind a network of wire.

At once light automatic weapons opened fire from the woods. A headier gun sent several shots into the car, wrecking it.

There were no casualties. The colonel and his intelligence officer covered the escape of their party. Pursued with bursts of rifle fire, they slipped away through the trees towards the river choosing for each move a dark interval between the burning of Verey lights.

At Fontaine, the French ferry boats were tied up on the south bank. Their crews remained deaf to every call, leaving C. Company headquarters to spend the night in a lair amongst rocks on the bank, ringed round with immensely more numerous enemy forces.

A Barn Escapade

A few hours later battalion rear headquarters, concealed for the night in a barn, were surprised by four enemy tanks who drove along the road from Rouen about dawn, spraying woods and hedges at random with machine-gun fire. As the little party of British soldiers watched through cracks in the barn door the first tank turned in at the farm gate. The other three tanks stopped on the road outside.

One man crawled out of the barn unnoticed, slipped along a bridge and opened a second gate.

At a signal from him the rest of the party, flung wide the barn door and dashed out in their small car and two motor cycles.

Picking up their comrade, they got clear away through the volleys of the enemy who shot wildly in their surprise and failed to score a hit.

At the same time the Headquarters Company was threading its way by compass through the forest of Trill in which all roads and paths were held by the enemy.

For more than six hours the company commander followed an accurate course in the thick of the smoke-filled forest, to emerge from the trees within a few hundred yards from the ferry at which he was aiming.

In the early hours of June 10, the ferries resumed their work. The approaches to all of them were jammed with refugees and military transport. At 6 o'clock Caudébec was bombed and fire was started. Air attacks continued all day.

At the height of the work the ferry captain refused to return from the far bank. He ignored the ringing of the bell and his craft did not resume its service until volunteers had swum the river and placed him under armed guard.

At long last the task was completed. All refugees and British troops were sent across first, ap-

proaches to the ferry were cleared; the British troops and their transport came last.

In this way four-fifths of Newcomb's Rifles crossed the Seine with all their arms and baggage.

On June 19, Newcomb's Rifles brought their transport to the Quai Normandie and embarked for England—22 officers, 310 other ranks, with 29 anti-tank rifles and 15 Bren guns.

So ends the plain story of a minor episode in a great tragedy. It is worth recording, because it shows the British soldier stubbornly faithful to his duty.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

If You Vacation In a City Carry These Beauty Aids

Perhaps you plan to go to a city for your holiday—and perhaps you already live in the city and there is little chance of your getting away from it this summer. Well, summer in town is not too bad providing you prepare for it. The place has a holiday atmosphere—many visitors clutter the streets, work eases, friends pop in on one, and the ratio of men per woman increases! Your greatest problem is how to keep cool and fresh looking despite heat waves.

For Day Comfort

Besides your usual cosmetic aids such as brush and comb, manicure set, tooth brushes and make-up, you simply must invest



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We like our clothing to be a little more utilitarian these days, but still we like it smart and snappy. That's where a suit like this comes in. Ideal for making in the lighter materials such as linen, tussore, suiting silk or light woolens, grand wear for late summer and early autumn.



in the following: A light cleansing cream (gobs of it), a mild skin freshener, a film-like masque for a quick pick-me-up at the end of a day, the finest of face tissues, eye pads, a special complexion soap, a pungent floral cologne, an anti-perspirant and a deodorant. Keep your creams and lotions in an ice box, if that is possible. Wear your hair styled high or very short. If you have never spent a summer in a city during July and August you just don't know how hot it can be!

You'll want a couple of showers a day and perhaps a tepid bath at night beautifully scented with an oil or bubble lotion. Lovely fragrance on your skin seems to make the heat more bearable.

For Night Comfort

Cities are tiring and pavements make feet ache. Surprising as it is, one walks more in a city than in the country. So see that you have comfortable walking shoes for daytime. Even then, at the

end of the day, your feet will yearn for some pampering. Soak them in a hot epsom salt bath and rub them well with a cooling foot lotion or treat them to that new foot masque. Its cooling, pain-relieving properties, restore your foot comfort and give you enough pep to dance on through the night.

You cannot get along without a very cool, sheer, washable negligee. In fact you will probably live in such when you are at home.

Frequent make-up repairs are necessary during hot days and evenings, so step out prepared. Better not use a heavy foundation formula—in fact, if you keep your skin clear and soft you may use only lipstick and a speck of eye shadow as the healthy, out-door effect is always popular in cities during hot weather. But your skin must be almost flawless, so keep it immaculately clean of city dust by washing it frequently with a special complexion soap after a thorough cream cleansing.

Most first-rate hotels provide fresh bed linen every night and welcome it is when the thermometer is hovering around ninety. If you lease an apartment, or live in one, let fresh bed linen daily be a summer luxury. Sleep without a pillow and keep your room well ventilated. You might even try shifting your bed so you will get all the breeze there is to get!

How To Eat

Remember a light diet is the key to summer comfort. Drink fruit and vegetable juices for energy, eat plenty of vegetables and fresh fruits in salads, drink hot clear bouillons, select ices or ice cream for desserts. Jello provides energy, you know, so keep some of it in the ice box for between meal snacks if you grow hungry. Avoid the heavier, richer foods—you don't need them when summer is with you.

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"Where are you going with that axe?"

"I'm going to do a little deforestation, Bertie. There's a tree outside I've taken a dislike to. I shall fell it with one fell swoop."

"Rather early in the morning for tree felling, isn't it?"

"The early woodcutter gets the first tree, you know. Besides—it's an ugly tree. There's something offensive about that tree. Come to think of it, it rather reminds me of you, Bertie."

"Well—I must confess I didn't expect to see you chopping trees this morning and smoking a

whacking big black cheroot. No, after last night..."

"I don't like the way you say 'not after last night.' I detect a certain spray in the tone—a certain undercurrent of bitterness. You ought to be overjoyed to see me absolutely bristling with joy-de-vivre."

"I merely marvel at your powers of recovery."

"You needn't, Bertie. It's all due to Ross's Lime Juice, you know. Prevents mornings after the night before. Just the thing before you go to bed. And now, Bertie, with your permission I'll step out and deal our unsuspecting arboreal friend a couple of throat cracks with my little axe."

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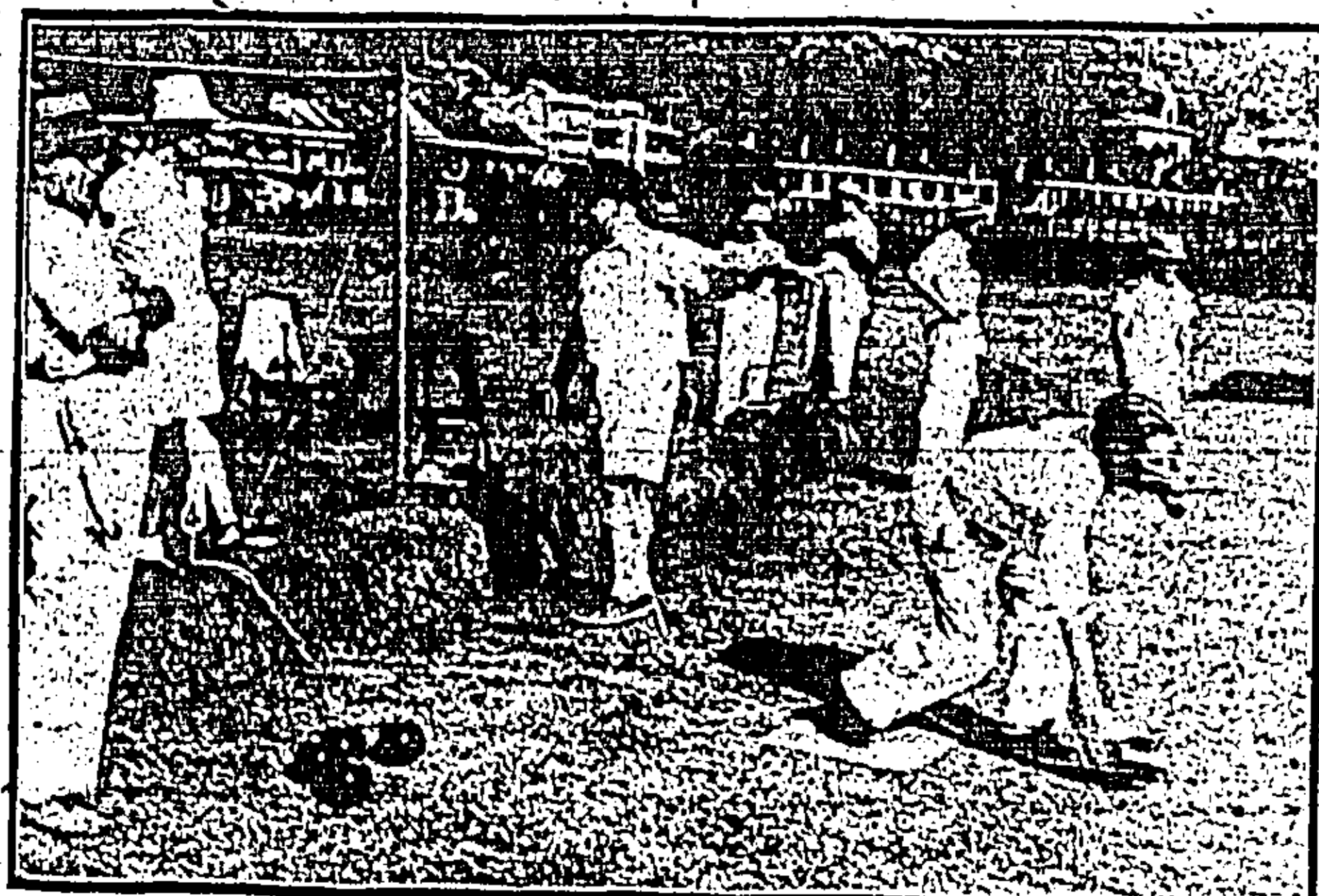


Taylor, Police goalie, tackled by Chang Kam-hoi, Eastern inside right, in last week's friendly match.

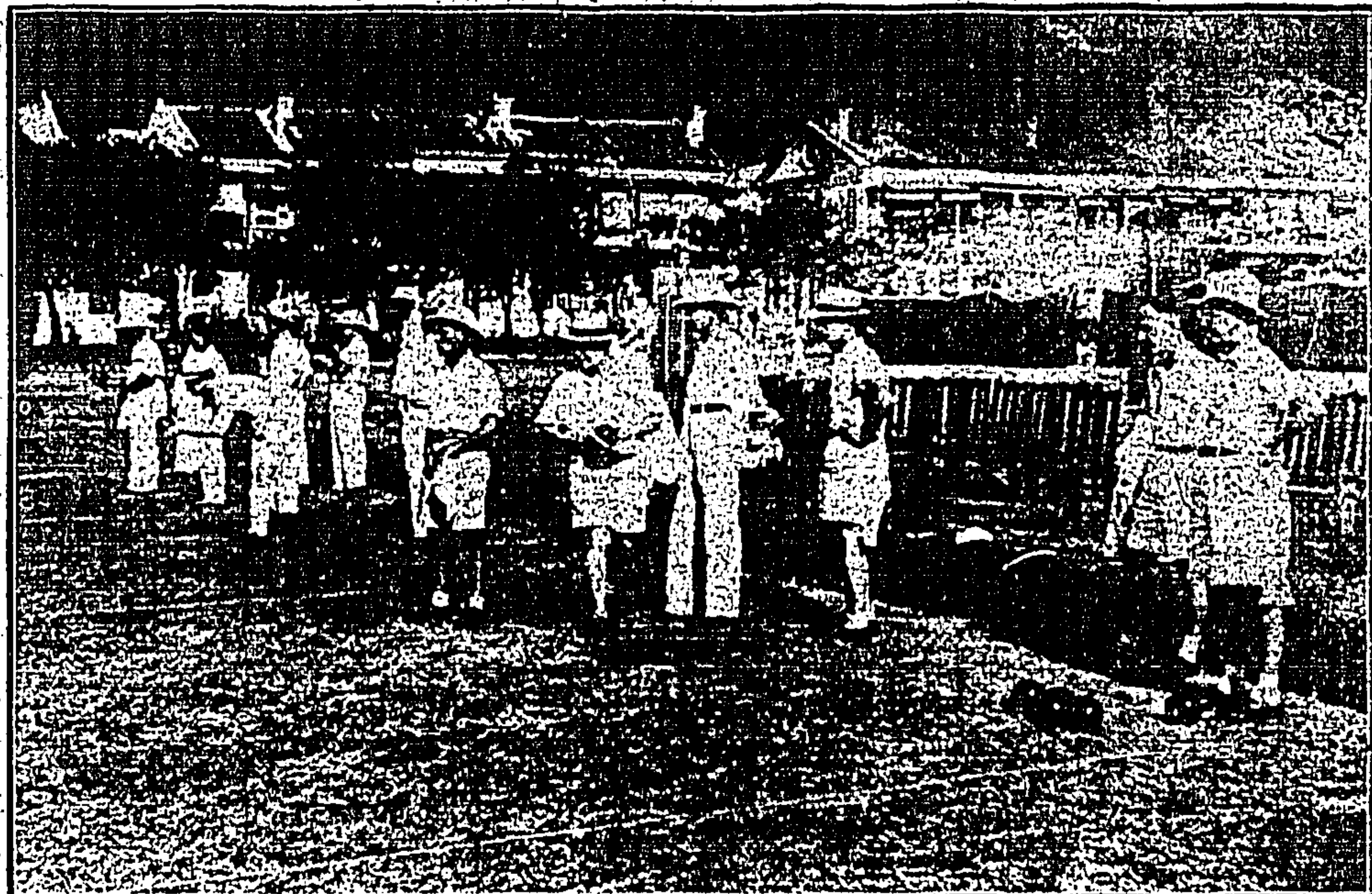
J. Skinner (in stripes) heading the ball in the friendly football game between the H.K. Football Club and Sing Tao, won by the latter by 9 goals to 2.



Spectators at the quarter-finals of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship.



The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith delivering a wood in the first round of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Lawn Bowls Competition.



Craigengower v. Recreio at Happy Valley last Saturday, when the vital First Division match was won by the latter by 22 shots.

(Right) — The King and Queen cheered by workmen and girls during a recent tour of munitions works in the Midlands.



The Duke of Kent inspecting troops at a defence post in North-East England last month.

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